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23 'Hussar Love', Lt. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
24 Cathedral Carol Service, 5
24 Municipal Orchestra, 11th Symphony Concert, Lyceum Theatre, 5.15
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor"

The Orchestra:

The Programme Question

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Some years ago a director of the British Broadcasting Corporation is alleged to have stated that the function of the body over which he presided was not to give the public what it wanted but what the B.B.C. considered it ought to have in the way of broadcasting programmes.

I cannot help wondering whether something of the same attitude has not infected those responsible for arranging the programmes offered by the Municipal Orchestra. I am a regular concert-goer, and while I do not always agree with your critic, I suspect that he must at times find it difficult to cope with the quantities of frankly rather indifferent music to which we have been treated during the last few months.

There has, for example, been a little too much Italian music this season and while Italy has admittedly produced several competent composers, I submit, as an illustration of my point, that Bach should be presented as Bach—not an Italian orchestration thereof. It is true that in a recent offering of this nature the original Bach was permitted to shine through the welter of sound like the skin of Cophetua's beggar maid through her rags, but, if I may so express myself, the rags were still there.

Further to illustrate my point, may I say with what enthusiasm I hail the news conveyed in this morning's paper that for next Sunday's concert three out of the four composers represented are apparently to be Italian.

The Russians and the French have been all too sparingly represented this season. Mozart we have had in the form of one of the more difficult violin concertos with a soloist of such distressing inexperience as to make the listener wonder whether the function of the Municipal Orchestra is entirely understood by the Orchestra Committee. Surely this function is to present good music with the best talent available—not to use the orchestra as an experimental medium for both performers and music.

Let us please, therefore, have a little more music universally accepted worth —more Beethoven, more Bach, more Debussy, more Mozart, more, in fact, of all the greater composers whose works most of us go to the Lyceum to hear.

FIGARO.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

"A Raider's End":

Reader in Disagreement

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I do quite disagree with your editorial entitled "A Raider's End," appearing in the Tuesday issue, "eulogizing" the "wise decision of the commander of the Admiral Graf Spee to scuttle." According to your logic, the decision of Captain Langsdorf was wise because, he in so doing, "saved his gallant crew from what, humanly speaking, must have been a futile sacrifice."

Here you are advocating defeatism. Think of the unfavourable effect on the morale of the public, especially the naval men of the world.

Your editorial gives us the impression that the Allied forces are sure to win. Is it not then a futile effort of Germany carrying on the war? Is it not wise, humanly speaking, for Germany to stop war at once and more laudable for the Germans to surrender?

But the trouble is the Germans apparently are thinking otherwise. They have the conviction that the victory would be theirs in the end, or else how could they fight?

I personally sympathize with both Germany and England fighting against each other. But what maddens me is the Germans' ignominious cowardice in scuttling and sinking the battleship before giving a fight, however futile that might be. To accept defeat is contrary to the code of soldiery.

The official Uruguayan naval commission who examined the Graf Spee "saw that her fighting power had suffered little." And to commit suicide when the ship was still fit to fight! Where is the old German spirit? You have described the German crew as gallant. I do not glorify war, but could not help thinking it more glorious for the crew to die aboard the ship they are spiritually bound to, than to sink it; for the latter virtually means recognition of defeat—surrender!

There certainly is nothing heroic about scuttling the ship, needed so badly by Germany at present. It was a complete defeat of the Germans, and this event, I am afraid, may mark the downfall of the German navy, even Germany.

I do not blame the captain, but am surely sorry for Hitler exposing himself, sentimentally effeminate and incapable of displaying vigorous manliness in carrying out what he himself considers a holy war. After all, it is a matter of conviction, and he seems not firmly convinced that he is doing things rightful and justifiable. Japan is accused, rightly or wrongly, of her action in China, but she has the conviction and determination, which needs be commended heartily and highly in this respect at least.

EMMAN IPPO.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

The Rickshaw Coolie:

Need for Consideration

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—We understand that the S.M.C. is in the red, but poor rickshaw men are even more in the red if people continue to pay at the old rates, printed on their rickshaws, when rice has soared to the skies. Surely "Emergency rates" might be worked out and given to them to show their fares.

But today, the two young men who left their rickshaws between the Chocolate Shop and Honan Road at a few minutes past twelve, must not even have read the S.M.C. regulations printed on the rickshaw. This calls for 50 cents an hour—far too little now. One of the two, evidently host, handed a fresh dollar bill to his rickshaw man with a motion that he divide it with the other. The man was an honest-appearing country chap, who stood aghast, and said in Mandarin: "One dollar for two men for one hour?" One of the two young foreigners made a motion to add something, but the one in the Norfolk jacket did not permit this and shouted at the rickshaw man and went on. It isn't very hard to overawe a poor, underfed coolie—tired at that—and these two just stood and looked at the dollar. It was too much for the Mandarin-speaking foreigner who was passing by, and she gave them another dollar.

We are sure that the young man was not intentionally cruel, but we hope this will catch his eye, and that he will pay the next man a little more. If he says that the man lied, and that it was not a matter of two hours—well, we don't think a dollar apiece will hurt either of them in this cold weather, and we are never sorry to help a rickshaw man keep the wolf from the door.

CONCERNED.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

The Rice Crisis:

Another Remedy Suggested

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In view of the very acute rice situation prevailing in the Settlement and Concession, I should be much obliged if you would give me a little space in your esteemed paper to voice my simple suggestion that may remedy the present rice crisis.

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May I suggest that the Councils organize a Board acting as a rice importer, purchasing any rice that comes to the Settlement limits and distributing it to different rice shops for re-sale, allowing them to make a fixed profit on each picul of rice sold.

If this Board can be formed to function satisfactorily it can take further steps to check other staples, such as flour, oil, coal briquettes, etc. In so doing profiteers will die a quick and natural death. It is only then poor Chinese people will be truly benefited.

C. Y. KOO.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

An Enquiry:

About Ramon Navarro:

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I wonder if any of your readers can tell me what's happened to Ramon Navarro?

FAN.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

***Ramon Navarro has not made any pictures for the larger studios for some years, but has done some work with the so-called independents. In 1937 he starred in "The Sheik Steps Out" and in 1938 "Dangerous Adventure." No information is at hand as to his cinema work this year.—Ed.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 20, 1869

Some time ago it will be remembered, a Municipal Constable arrested a suspicious looking character on the Hongkew side, who had in his possession a large bag, containing sundry implements usually carried by house-breakers, such as chisels, files, crowbars and a quantity of gunpowder. On examination, the man declared he was on his way to join sundry other thieves for the purpose of breaking into a bank at Nantao. The police, availing themselves of this piece of information, obliged the prisoner to show them where his comrades were, and after no little difficulty arrested two in a teashop near the City wall and three others in a boat beyond the French settlement. The case came off this morning, and the lot were ordered to be sent to the City, to be dealt with by higher authority. The police are of opinion that these men are in some way connected with the recent piratical attack at Woosung, and are now diligently engaged trying to get further insight into the matter.

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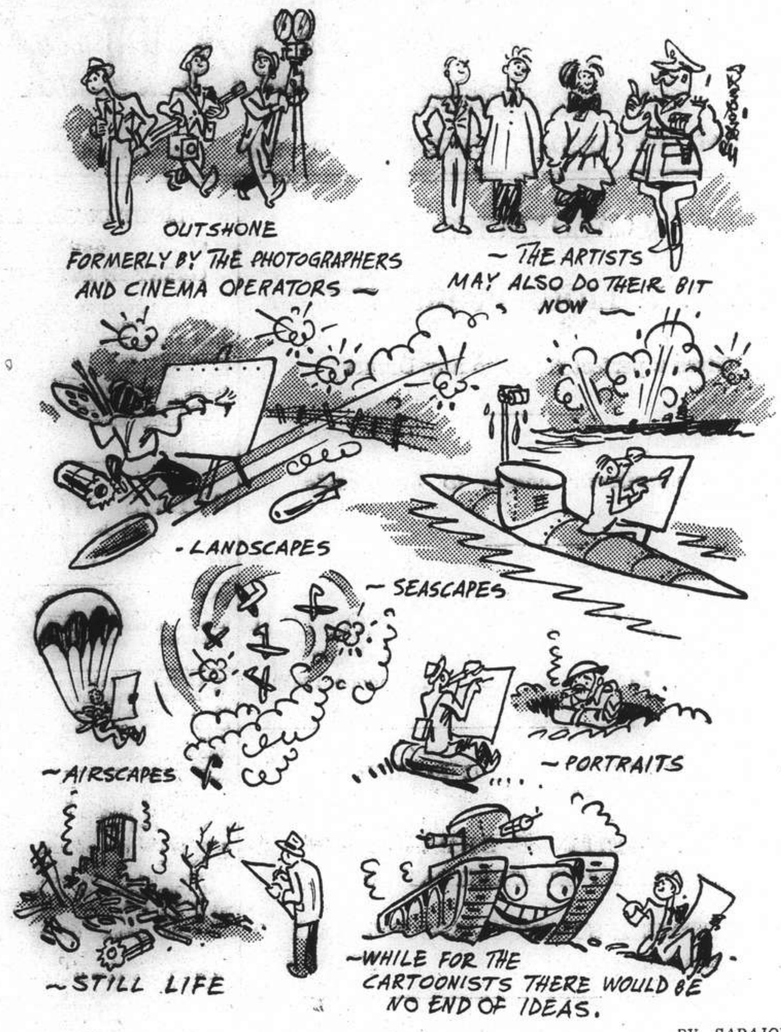
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Artists At The Front

Testing Shell And Bomb

£1,000 Shots At An Armoured Target; A Secret Weapon

Here, somewhere on the edge of England—if it were more remote it would be in another country—there are guns banging away all the time, writes a special correspondent to "The Times." Quiet may be possible on the Western Front; here it is not. Every day, in peace-time as in war, the guns here, from machine-guns to the 16in. giants of the Royal Navy, which at this moment are responsible for a certain coyness on the part of the Nazi fleet, are blazing away. Indeed, there is so much noise and it is so continuous that an air raid would be a mild addition which would probably pass unnoticed.

But all this is not to be explained as sheer exuberance of spirits on the part of skilled gunners. Gunners and guns are doing a job of work of vital importance. All ammunition, from the heaviest naval shell, or R.A.F. high-explosive bomb, to the smallest rifle cartridge, has to be proved, and so a percentage of each newly manufactured lot is tried out by firing it under the worst possible conditions of high pressure or worn guns to discover whether it is fit for passing on to the fighting Services.

First I saw a shell weighing a ton fired from a 15in. naval gun, and travelled to the range on the establishment's own light railway in a coach which many years ago did service on the Suakin-Berber railway and was the saloon coach used by a famous Governor-General of the Sudan, Lord Kitchener. In this first shoot it was not the shell but the target that was under test, and the target was armour plating many inches thick. A reduced charge was used in order that the projectile might strike the plating at a velocity corresponding with that at which a shell would hit an enemy ship in a naval action at a distance of about 10 miles. Even so the operation was devastating enough, except possibly for the armour plating. Encased in a steel shelter, I looked out through a slit in the wall, my ears plugged with cotton-wool. "Stand by," called the officer in charge. "One, two, three...." up to "ten. Fire!" and then there was a mighty roar, a blinding flash, and my eyes closed involuntarily. If was impressive to learn that this piece of evidence of naval might cost more than £1,000. Such is the price of each round. In return, however, secrets of high value are revealed by these tests.

Retrieving Shells

Then I went in the small train to the beach to watch the gunners retrieving shells which had been fired off when the tide was high. The sea was miles away and in between stretched a vast expanse of damp sand, dotted about which were the wanted shells. Horses are useful partners of the gunners in this work; they do not get bogged as motor-lorries often do.

The horse teams, with six lovely animals pulling each wagon, were most picturesque as they dashed down the runway and out to where, roughly, it was known the shells must have dropped. Then began a new form of "cockling," as the gunners looked around in the mud. These recovered shells, which have had to stand up to much more than would be required of them in the field, are carefully examined for any deformation in the steel.

Next, we watched a new machine-gun for the Navy being put through its paces. To test the performance of another shell it was fired clean through a steel cage, about 50ft. long, with an aperture only some 3ft. square.

We heard with interest that although so far no working model of a "death ray" has come down here for its firing trials, interesting and satisfactory gadgets are not lacking, and that among them may be the answer to the "unanswerable secret weapon" promised from the other side. They probably know all the answers here, for they have been in the business a long time. Over the superintendent's door hangs the original report of the trial carried out here in 1805 of a new type of shell fitted with bullets, and of the devastating effect which this new shell had on thick wooden targets set out on the sand. The report is signed "Henry Shrapnel, Lt. Col., Royal Artillery"—the inventor of shrapnel.

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Sutsien, Ku., Dec. 4.

The crops in this district this year are well above the average of recent years, the principal grains being wheat, corn, beans and kaoliang. While the acreage was somewhat reduced by war conditions, the total yield is still more than usual and the amount of grain produced is sufficient, and more than sufficient, to supply the needs of the local people.

There is great abundance of radishes, Chinese cabbage and all sorts of vegetables, while the sweet potato crop is enormous. A few weeks ago, at the beginning of frost, almost all the country people were busy harvesting this crop and the fields were full of men, women and children, digging sweet potatoes; the country roads were full of wheelbarrows carrying them home. The potatoes are large and fine, and are sold at less than one cent per catty. They form a very important part of the diet of the people of this district during autumn and winter. Chinese cabbage, radishes and various green vegetables, cost about one cent per catty.

Needless to say, war always destroys large quantities of supplies of all kinds. In this district, considerable quantities of grain have been "acquired" by armies of both sides and thousands of homes have been robbed by bandits, operating under various aliases, and the grain has been carried off or burned by them. Japanese and Korean merchants are buying grain and shipping it to North China. In some places, such activities are forbidden, and largely prevented, by guerillas; but thus far no restrictions have been enforced here. The general opinion is that the quantity now being shipped out of this district by Japanese and Korean merchants is less than the quantity shipped out by local merchants in time of peace who are now not able to ship grain at all, unless in companies under special protection.

Prices Much Higher

Until recently, prices of grain were very little higher than the average of past years at the same season. In the past few weeks, however, wheat has risen about 30 per cent, and corn about 50 per cent. Of course, prices vary in different localities but in the rural districts the cost of food is not high enough to constitute a serious problem for those who have money. Local flour is selling at from 7 to 10 cents for one catty.

Prices of fuel are much higher than those of grain, and have been so for several months past. Some kinds of swamp reeds are about twice as expensive as in normal years. These reeds are extensively used for building houses, as well as for fuel.

Building materials are expensive, and some kinds of them are hard to obtain at any price. Nearly all the houses of the common people have walls built of earth or of reeds and kaoliang stalks and plastered with mud. The roofs are made of poles and kaoliang stalks or reeds, and thatched with wheat straw or swamp grass. Thousands of families in this district have no houses or no adequate houses. Poles are very scarce and expensive. As cold weather comes on, there will be widespread and severe suffering, for lack of houses, bedding and warm clothing. Cotton is two or three times as expensive as in former years and cloth is high also. Countless people have lost all bedding and wadded clothing and are not able to buy anything now.

Masses Without Money

Unfortunately, very few people have money to buy supplies, at any price. The masses have no money and no way of earning money. Thousands of farmers have lost their grain by robbery and other thousands of families, urban and rural, have lost their homes and all their goods, by fire. Those farmers who have been, and may continue to be, fortunate enough to escape fire and robbery, should be able to maintain themselves until some calamity overtakes them.

Most of the rural districts and many of the towns have suffered from banditry. Many of the robbers claim to be connected with some sort of an army, on one side or the other, but this claim does not afford much comfort to the unfortunate victims of their depredations. Kidnapping is a common practice and highway robbery is a daily occurrence. On some roads, people are afraid to travel at all, unless they are in touch with the robbers along the way. Canal traffic is impossible except under armed convoy.

In country villages, some of the people are afraid to sleep in their homes, lest they be surrounded in the night. Some spend the nights in other villages, more strongly fortified and defended. Others hide in the fields during the nights, which method is not very suitable for winter time.

In other villages, some of the inhabitants try to stay in their homes, but flee if danger comes. A recent experience in a village near Sutsien will illustrate this. There are about 80 homes in the village, surrounded by a mudwall and a moat full of water. Some of the homes are deserted. One night, at 2.40 o'clock people were heard running through the Village streets, saying: "They have reached the gate."

Flee in Terror

The village has only one gate which is at the south end. The people ran to the north end of the village, climbed over the broken-down mud wall, waded through water in the moat, waist deep, and fled into the country to spend the remaining hours of the night shivering in wet clothes, unless they happened to have relatives or other friends to whom they could go to. Later, they found that the disturbance was caused by about 200 friendly Chinese soldiers, who came up outside the gate, but did not enter. They remained in the vicinity for some hours, then disappeared into the country.

Some months ago a bus company began operations in this district. At first, there was no method of predicting when, or whether, a bus would run. After a time, it was rumoured that buses would run on certain days of the week. After a further period of uncertainty, the service attained some degree of regularity, but all buses must have military convoy.

Reinforcements Arrive For Panama Canal Defence

The U.S. Army transport Chateau Thierry is shown as she arrived recently at Miraflores locks, Panama Canal, carrying the first detachment of Fifth Infanrty Troops to reinforce the present garrison of the "Big Ditch." They are part of the 12,000 officers and men who will form the additional defence garrison of what would become the United States lifeline in the event of war and which would probably be the first sabotage target of a potential enemy.

Dr. Cumming Leaves Kulangsu

Health Officer Accepts Hongkong Appointment; Mutual Regrets at Departure; St. Andrew's Day

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Kulangsu, Dec. 9.

DR. Graham Cumming leaves Kulangsu to take up an appointment with the Hongkong Government in a few days. He has been here for three years as Health Officer and head of the now defunct Amoy branch of the Chinese National Quarantine Service. The Japanese have taken over that service with their own Japanese Quarantine staff. Dr. Cumming has had an interesting career in China: he comes of a family long intimately associated with Kulangsu. His father, Mr. J. G. Graham Cumming, was headmaster of the Anglo-China College prior to the coming of Mr. H. J. P. Anderson of whom he was a life-long friend. When quite young he was sent to Scotland to be educated, to Trinity Academy Leith, Lanark Grammar School, Royal High School of Edinburgh and lastly to Hymer's College, Hull. Entering Edinburgh University to study medicine, he graduated in 1929: studied further at the Tropical School of Medicine, Liverpool, where he got his D.T.M., Six months as house surgeon at Hull infirmary completed his medical career in Britain and he sailed for China in 1930 to work for the E. P. Mission. One year was passed at Tainan, Formosa, in language study, then he passed to Chuanchow as superintendent of the General Hospital and consulting surgeon to the Yengchun Hospital.

While in Changchow he saw the Reds sweep down to the coast, was isolated for a time without servants or assistants who fled at the approach of the Communist horde. He assisted in the big plague epidemic and the cholera epidemic of 1932 and, while at Chuanchow, too, he was fortunate to meet many interesting personages; among others the famous bandit Tan Kokhui, the two-handed gun-man who shot first and asked questions afterwards, who more than once fought his way single-handed through an encircling cordon of Chinese soldier's and would-be capturers. Dr. Cumming dined with him twice. Although the bandit could neither read nor write, the dinner on each occasion was correct to the last detail with full dinner dress, Parisian cooking, and French service even to the menu cards. Later this Fukien Robin Hood was captured and shot by the 19th Route army.

Back to Shokwa. Formosa, in 1933, he was just in time to be welcomed by the big Formosan earthquake. Such little natural pleasantries as epidemics and earthquakes were evidently of the normal events of his career: he could not miss them, or they could not miss him. In 1935 he resigned, being told that he was "temperamentally unsuited for a missionary." Despite his unmissionary temperament to stayed on in Formosa until 1937 since all medical work now devolved directly on to the newly-formed Independent Formosan Church.

Diversified Activities

From Formosa he came to Amoy as doctor to H. M. Consulate and was appointed Medical Officer of Health and Adviser to the National Quarantine Service. He organized an Amoy first-aid unit at the beginning of the Sino-Chinese war, superintended the evacuation of the wounded from Amoy to Kulangsu when it was attacked, and performed many operations under fire at the Chinese field hospital. He reopened the derelict Kulangsu Hospital, with medical stores sent from England, from the Lord Mayor's fund, and received wounded Chinese soldiers and ailing refugees from Amoy. At the same time, in the spare time left on his hands from these multitudinous occupations, he organized a milk-kitchen for starving infants and developed an out-door free clinic financed by the Rotary Club of which he was sergeant-at-arms. Still having additional energy at his overscurrying disposal, he reorganized the Quarantine Service, developed the Kulangsu Public Health Department and insisted that every resident should be inoculated.

He leaves Kulangsu with regret, however, and Kulangsu, too, will remember long the big, energetic, indefatigable doctor who did so much for its benefit and would have done more if he had been able. Its good wishes go with him.

St. Andrew's Day Observed

Scotsmen were at home on December 2 at the Amoy Club in honour of their patron saint. The gathering was not as large as those of previous years, but Kulangsu boasts of only eight Scotsmen and the cost of entertaining, falling heavily on so few shoulders, belies the generally accepted reputation that Scotsmen have been given. Mr. Forsyth accountant of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, was chosen Chieftain for the occasion. Highland dew was there although not conspicuous, but that deadly modern concoction the cocktail decidedly was. The brew was the invention of Captain Barwick and it slid down with the creamy velverty glide that delighted and The gallant captain strutted about proud of the cocktail receipe secreted in his waistcoat pocket. The dinner had not arrived: it was still on the sea; had been expected to come by the J.C.J.L steamer that afternoon.

A calamity was averted by the ladies who threw themselves into the breach, fought with pots, pans and singing kettles to save a deplorable situation. Honour is due to the fair sex and specially to Mrs More and Mrs. Bass for their fight with a grim forlorn hope against time and satiny cocktails, and the perversity of ship.

No Scottish lady would tackle a haggis, that titbit of Caledonia, but a daring Russian lady did so. It had a place of honour, all to itself: lay in solitary grandeur on an enormous blue-dragon trencher, curling and wierd-looking. But so does an ordinary Gealic haggis for that matter, so its grim forbidding aspect could be excused. It tasted quite good, too. The thing that mattered most, however, to these Scotsmen was accomplished: the honour and hospitally of bonny Scotland was vindicated despite perversities and a typhoon and everyone was hilariously happy in "hoochs" and whirling heels rollicking in all the old fashioned Scottish dances.

A pleasant early morning was passed.

Excellent Rice Cross in Soochow Area

Condition of Farmers Better Than Clerks

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Soochow, Dec. 16.

Crops throughout this area have been unusually good and the rice yield has been high. The farmers have more money than ever before from the sale of the crop. This money is not worth so much as prices of all commodities have more or less followed rice. The condition of the farmer is much better than the small shopkeeper and clerk class in Soochow itself. In the city fuel, food and clothing have all advanced and the salaries have nothing like kept pace and many are clamouring for any sort of home work for members of the family.

Some seasonal work brought orders for gloves and other articles for export. The glove order kept several thousands busy last summer. The knitting industry is overcrowded and many machines now are idle either for lack of orders or capital Most of the factories in Soochow have been opened on a co-operative basis and at least this is giving work for the needy.

Several old gardens have been reconditioned and are taking on new significance under the present régime. The former garden of the Manchus in the nothern part of the city was all but a scrap heap several years ago. It now has been put into condition for the use of officials and their friends and knows a bit of its old splendour.

Roads have been generally improved throughout the area and most bridges have been removed and the cuts filled to assure the roads being kept open. Petrol is advancing in price to the point where the private individual does not find it profitable to operate his car. City streets are being repaired and made passable. Cobblestone streets and heavy traffic call for continual work.

Church programmes are being carried forward and the people are attending as never before. An evangelistic campaign in October found all churches putting on a simultaneous campaign throughout the city and all preaching halls were filled each day. Relief work continues but on a very limited scale.

Ex-Kaiser Banned Gas Bombs in Main Raids

Deadly Bomb Completed But Never Used

Gas bombs were not dropped on London in the last war because the Kaiser forbade it at the last moment—so says Mr. Edward J. Bing, journalist, soldier and traveller, in his autobiography "Of the Meek and the Mighty," which was published recently in London.

In Berlin, after the war, a former Zeppelin commander told him the Germans had perfected a deadly gas bomb. "And why was it never used?" asked Mr. Bing.

"Well," said the commander, "my Zeppelin was provided with the bombs immediately the invention was completed, and I had orders to drop them on London.

Just in Time

"We were all set to take off, and I was just going into the gondola when a phone call came through for me from Spa.

"'G.H.Q. this end. That Captain O.? Glad I got you in time. You are on no account to take those gas bombs with you. S.M. (for Seine Majestat, His Majesty, meaning the Kaiser) wishes them to be left behind.'"

The commander said he was also ordered to use the bombs on Verdun, and again the Kaiser said "No" at the last moment.

Once the officer was just off to bomb a house three miles behind the French lines in which it was known King George V., Marshal Joffre, and Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Asquith were staying, when he was told the command had been cancelled.

Once more it was "S. M.'s orders."

Reason given by the German Officer: "The Kaiser is deeply religious."

Railway Payment Wanted By Russia

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

Russia's willingness to sign a long-term fishing treaty with Japan depended on payment of the Y.5,900,000 final instalment on the purchase price of the North Manchuria Railway by Manchoukuo or Japan, it was learned in Government quarters today. Japan should induce Manchoukuo to honour the debt or pay it herself as a surety Power before negotiations started for a fishery pact, M. Molotov said.—Domei.

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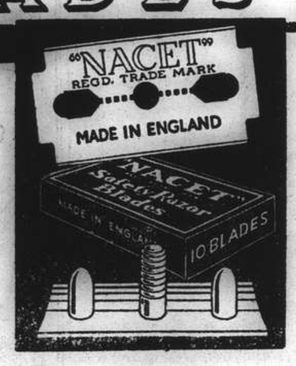

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Good Entries for Three-day New Year Race Meeting

Grand Handicap Attracts Best Ponies; Gallops By Australian Subs Prove Interesting

By "Ching"

ENTRIES for the three-day New Year Race Meeting closed on Monday last and are quite satisfactory. The Handicap on the 2nd day gets an entry of 142 ponies, which is to be divided into seven races by classification. The chief race of the meeting, which is The New Year Grand Handicap at 11 furlongs to be run on January 6, has an entry of 22 ponies, and includes such class performers as White Parade, Bagshot, Merrylight, Vim, Carnival, Busted Straight, and others, so the handicapper has the opportunity of making a race to finish up the season, that should attract all local race followers.

Foreign Y. Beat Race Club

Surprise Squash Victory Places Four Teams on Nearly Equal Footing

With one match yet unplayed in the contest between the Rowing Club and the Oarsmen, the surprise victory of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. over the highly-rated Race Club team in the first division of the squash league last night places all four teams in a very even rating at the close of the first round which nearly ended last night.

Assuming that the first string match between L. D. Carson and W. Neugebauer is won by Carson, the rating of the four teams at the end of the first round will see the Race Club and Foreign Y.M.C.A. tied one point ahead of the Rowing Club and Oarsmen, thereby leaving the second round full of interest.

The surprise of yesterday's contests came about when the Foreign Y.M.C.A. hitherto regarded as the weakest team in the league, defeated the highly rated Race Club team by three matches to two. Predictions by those who have followed squash were in favour of the Race Club which was expected to take a good lead at the conclusion of the first round of this tournament yesterday, but the Y.M.C.A. victory completely changed the outlook on things in this competition.

Keen Competition Expected

Indications now point to the second round of the competition being very even and all four teams still are very much in the running, the two Rowing Club sides still having a chance to pull their chestnuts out of the fire. The second round will therefore be followed with great interest and although the Race Club is still conceded a slight chance of getting ahead, all sorts of upsets may yet come and the Y.M.C.A. may, after being regarded insufficiently strong to enter a team at the beginning of the season, come out in front.

The matches at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. saw D. Green gaining a victory over L. H. Wade in a four game contest in which the run of play was very even, Wade winning the third game to the balance that Green was able to take. Green's placements and drop shots worked to good effect in contrast to Wade's allround play and his cross court and boast shots off the side walls. It was Green's variation of the pace which enabled him to win.

J. Pote-Hunt who is playing at the top of his form now and shows some very fine shots, defeated J. Berglof in three straight games without difficulty. T. E. Baker, last year's junior champion proved too good for E. B. Cumine who qualified for the senior final last year, and Baker ran through his opponent in three straight games. M. Benavitch was well in form to win his match in three straight games from R. Berglof. M. Ginsbourg confirmed earlier good reports of his play.

Y.M.C.A. 3, Race Club 2

D. Green defeated L. H. Wade, 9-7, 9-5, 7-9, 9-6.
J. Berglof lost to J. Pote-Hunt, 4-9, 5-9, 4-9.
T. E. Baker defeated E. B. Cumine, 9-3, 8-7, 9-6.
R. Berglof lost to M. Benavitch, 2-9, 6-9, 6-9.
M. Ginsbourg defeated R. D. Parkin, 6-9, 9-1, 9-6, 10-8.

Oarsmen 2, Rowing Club 2
(one match unplayed yet)

L. D. Carson and W. Neugebauer yet to play.
R. B. Gotch defeated G. W. Morris, 9-4, 9-5, 9-4.
H. M. Snow lost to H. G. Fabian, 6-9, 5-9, 9-6, 5-9.
W. M. Portrude lost to A. C. Sinclair, 8-10, 9-4, 9-5, 5-9, 6-9.
R. S. L. Frewin defeated C. S. Kimber, 9-6, 7-9, 7-9, 9-7, 9-6.

Ladies' Single Duck Pin Championship

Mrs. Vines Scores 310; Mrs. Malleck Second

Close competition marked the opening of the Shanghai Ladies Singles Duck Pins Championship at the Columbia Country Club yesterday when the leading players were separated by not more than ten pins. Mrs. Vines got the best score of 310 to build up a lead over her nearest rival, Mrs. Malleck who won the previous title. The defending champion registered 305.

The next four positions were closely bunched together. Mrs. Zee and Mrs. Schuster each netted 303 pins, Miss Hykes made 301 while Mrs. Collaco countered a round 300. Mrs. Vines also gained the best single of 118.

The second round will be bowled tomorrow at the Race Club.

Following were the results:—

Mrs. Vines	118	106	86	310	310
Mrs. Malleck	100	99	106	305	305
Mrs. Zee	110	87	106	303	303
Mrs. Schuster	100	95	108	303	303
Miss Hykes	97	105	99	301	301
Mrs. Collaco	103	97	100	300	300
Mrs. Huebner	94	95	110	299	299
Mrs. Geibel	87	113	93	293	293
Mrs. Dalton	97	93	103	293	293
Mrs. Bristow	96	105	91	291	291
Mrs. Gray III	109	97	83	288	288
Mrs. Kwok	96	98	91	285	285
Miss Jackson	95	104	80	279	279
Mrs. Pote-Hunt	104	87	86	277	277
Mrs. Sobel	98	90	89	277	277
Mrs. Evans	85	91	98	274	274
Mrs. Cardwell	84	88	97	269	269
Miss Picozzi	88	89	92	269	269
Mrs. Kops	79	86	98	263	263
Mrs. Prince	85	87	85	257	257
Mrs. Deegan	82	98	84	264	264
Mrs. Shean	83	93	78	254	254
Mrs. Jensen	84	84	67	235	235

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The two trophies he presented to the Shanghai Rowing Club have been set aside for the Senior and Junior sculls. In the Senior sculls, the figure of a sculler in silver has been worked by Mr. W. W. Wagstaff, a suitable base being made to the trophy on which the names of the winners will be perpetuated. The second trophy is an exact replica of the first, made in bronze by the same sculptor, and both will be among the Club's most coveted prizes.

Up to the time of his death Mr. Anderson was one of the most notable and rolourful among figures water-sports enthousiasts in this city and won the Senior Sculls in 1894. He subsequently took part in many important rowing events and was regarded without peer as a cox. He was also very well known in the yachting world and became a most successful skipper.

As years went by the withdrew from active participation in water sports, but was always a welcome figure at the Rowing Club regattas which he attended for many years as an official. He also was a benefactor to the Rowing Club and gave much useful advice and other assistance when required.

His bequest will serve to perpetuate a colourful figure which goes down in the history of sport in Shanghai, with particular reference to the association he always had with the Shanghai Rowing Club. The "Anderson Trophies" will definitely instil into the younger Shanghai generation of scullers the necessity of maintaining a really high standard of rowing.

Pasch Destroyed Owing To Throat Trouble

Famous Colt Was Great Favourite with Crowds

London, Dec. 19.

Mr. H. E. Morriss, the well-known racing owner, who lost his famous stallion Manna some months ago as the result of a broken blood vessel, has now lost the famous colt Pasch.

The mount had to be destroyed today owing to an incurable throat trouble. Pasch, during his brief racing career which was confined to one season, won over £20,000.

A beautiful, well-behaved animal, Pasch was a great favourite with racing crowds. As a three-year-old last year, he won the Two Thousand Guineas in fine style, as well as the Coventry Stakes and the Eclipse Stakes.

Starting as a 9-4 favourite in the Derby, Pasch was beaten by Bois Roussel and Scottish Union. In the St. Leger, Pasch also came third. Pasch was regarded as invincible over the shorter distances, though he failed over the longer Derby and St. Leger courses. Pasch was by Blandford, out of Pasca. His owner, Mr. H. E. Morriss, is well-known in Shanghai.—Reuter.

Ladies' Badminton Season Opens

Country Club "A" Beat "B" Team in First Game

Play in the Ladies' Doubles Division of the Badminton League opened yesterday with a single encounter, which resulted in the Country Club "A" team defeating their "B" team decisively by nine games to nil on the Country Club courts. The other scheduled engagement between the Union Church and the French Club was postponed.

The first senior team couple, Mrs. Burton and Miss Holwill, did not have too strenuous a time to take a decision from Mrs. Lewis Bryan and Miss Stranack. The following match, however, saw Mrs. Seddon and Miss McNichol of the junior side giving Mrs. Maitland and Miss Cox a good run in which they went to 15-10 before the seniors could exert their supremacy.

There was no doubt about the superiority of Mrs. Mirams and Mrs. Baxter for they triumphed easily, losing only nine points in the whole match.

Summary of scores follow:—

Country Club "A" 9; "B" 0

Mrs. Burton and Miss Holwill beat Mrs. Lewis Bryan and Miss Stranack, 15-7, 15-2, 15-9.

Mrs. Maitland and Miss Cox beat Mrs. Seddon and Miss McNichol, 15-4, 15-10, 15-10.

Mrs. Mirams and Mrs. Baxter beat Mrs. Finch and Miss Barton, 15-5, 15-0, 15-4.

Palestine Team Chosen For Saturday's Game

The following team has been selected to represent Palestine in the match against a representative Scotland team at the Race Course on Saturday afternoon:—

Wolfin (A.S.F.); Kramer (J.R.C.); Reiseberg (J.R.C.); M. Greenberg (S.F.X.); Meyer (J.R.C.); Zelnicker (J.R.C.); Tuttelman (S.F.X.); S. Greenberg (Police); Friedlander (J.R.C.); Jacob (J.R.C.); Levy (J.R.C.).

Reserves:—G. Greenberg (Recs); Oppenheim (Recs); Kaptsen (Betar); Defris (J.R.C.); Kotzman (J.R.C.).

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Club's Best XV to Meet Marines

Bright Rugby Programme Arranged for Week-end; Tung Wen Play Details

Another ambitious rugger schedule has been drawn up for the coming week-end by the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club and the match that takes the spotlight is that between the 1st XVs of the Club and the United States Marines, which will take place at the Race Course on Saturday.

Three other encounters have been arranged, one being down for Saturday with the other two for Sunday afternoon.

After the splendid performance of the Club last week against the previously undefeated Seaforth Highlanders, many followers of the handling-code will be inclined to believe that the civilians hold too many heavy guns for the Marines, but the Scots, somehow or other, did not appear to be the same team that beat and later drew with the Americans. This week's match should see a very fine test with the Club playing better football opposed by a fifteen that is never defeated until the final whistle blows.

The "leathernecks" are likely to be in far better fitter physical condition and this point alone should certainly stand them in good stead while their now famous tackling will not allow many chances to rip open their defence. In addition to this the Club have shown themselves slow starters in their last two tilts and unless this fault can be eradicated, they may find themselves several points down before they wake up. On the other hand, there is not the slightest doubt that the Club's outsides are far better and if anything, a trifle faster, than the Marines in attacking but it is doubtful if their defensive play is quite as good.

The Marine pack is good and works hard from start to finish but if the Club show as much vim about their methods as they have in their last two matches then there should be little difference between the forwards. Davis, the Marine stand-off, is likely to cause a lot of trouble with his clever kicking, but unless he decides to open out the game more, his threes will be starved.

A game that should attract many spectators, the result is in the laps of the gods, but unless the Club crumble under the early onslaughts of the Americans, the score should be close.

Preceding this game, the Tung Wen College XV will take on Area Details at 2.30 p.m. The Japanese should win and win quite easily. The British soldiers have now lost many of their outstanding performers and unless they are able to call upon new players, will have a difficult task in preventing another large total being run up against them.

On Sunday at 2.30 p.m. the junior fifteens of the Seaforth Highlanders and the United States Marines meet each other in what should be a dour match. In view of the fact that the Scots have yet to be defeated this season and since they appear to improve week by week, they ought to win.

Saturday

2.30 Tung Wen *v.* Area Details. Referee: R. D. K. Sibby.
3 S.R.U.F.C. 1st XV *v.* U.S.M.C. 1st XV. Referee: D. W. MacEwan.

Sunday

2.30 Seaforths 2nd XV *v.* U.S.M.C. 2nd XV. Referee: G. S. Dunkley.
3 S.R.U.F.C. 2nd XV *v.* Police. Referee: D. W. Leach.

Club Teams

CLUB 1ST XV:—W. N. Dickson; J. W. M. Martin, A. P. D. Kennedy, A. Thomas, S. J. Ward; I. F. Aucott, J. R. Dickinson; W. D. Pearson (captain), R. U. Reynolds, R. A. O. Mayne, P. B. Tay, J. D. Sayle, F. J. Knightly, C. F. Pow, M. O. Liddell.

CLUB 2ND XV:—W. Hetherington; K. Okimoto, E. Lasseter, B. R. Brown, L. S. Tomashevsky; L. R. St. Louis, B. A. St. Louis; J. W. Chapman, G. Hilton, J. R. Blaikie, D. M. Wheeler (captain), D. W. E. Chubb, W. V. K. Chadwick, E. Smith, C. H. Hodgman.

Rugby Interport Invitation

It was learned from official sources yesterday that an invitation has been extended to the Rugby Section of the Hongkong Football Club to send a representative side to Shanghai during the Chinese New Year Holidays. If Colony authorities accept, local rugger followers will be more than happy for it is a considerable period since an interport has been seen in this city.

Shanghai is gradually improving the quality of its senior XV and by the time that the visitors reach Shanghai, the local side should be in excellent fettle. It will be remembered that last year Shanghai defeated the Colony in Hongkong after it had been expected the hosts would win by a large margin.

Nowaczyk Leads in Duck Pins

Record Entry of 41 For Event

A record entry of 41 contenders participated in the first round of the Shanghai Men's Singles Duck Pins Championship at the American Club alleys yesterday. Nowaczyk, the Marine bowler, ran out a splendid triple of 363 to take the lead to be followed by Kleffel who gained 346.

Gonsalves was third with 326 and was closely followed by Deegan and Butler, both with 326, and Hilden with 324.

Nowaczky also countered the best single of 137. He started out with 101, but suddenly got into fine stride in the next two strings by turning in scores of 125 and 137.

The second round will be bowled at the Foreign Y.M.C.A.

Full results follow:—

Nawojczyk	101	125	137	363
Kleffel	119	114	113	346
Gonsalves	112	105	112	329
Deegan	103	100	123	326
Butler	119	102	105	326
Winecoff	94	132	98	324
Hilden	113	105	106	324
Gray	115	105	98	318
Cardwell	107	117	91	315
Jacobs	127	100	87	314
Cone	105	104	104	313
Klovekorn	126	83	104	313
Bourne	106	100	104	310
Boyle	105	105	99	309
Coulcher	103	99	105	307
Dalton	116	80	110	306
Messersmith	91	124	91	306
Krencick	102	110	90	302
Henningsen	103	103	95	301
Katz	107	87	97	291
Xavier	102	93	104	299
Souter	92	97	104	293
H. M. Smith	99	93	101	293
Piper	103	90	94	292
L. C. Kew	95	103	93	291

Appelboom	99	91	99	289
Dolinsek	100	93	95	288
Roles	119	87	82	288
Huebner	97	99	89	285
Stock	92	98	95	285
Kimball	98	104	83	285
Fiori	108	87	87	282
Bojesen	87	99	96	282
Watton	84	85	112	281
Swan	97	93	87	277
Read	96	99	82	277
R. Cox	96	99	87	277
Rayden	88	88	101	275
Ashley	106	83	82	271
Maitland	92	91	85	268
Belknap	86	84	95	265
Picozzi	95	86	80	261
Pote-Hunt	83	88	86	257
Laed	82	92	86	252

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Reopening of Yangtze to Lead To Improved Relations

London, Washington Pleased by Japanese Decision; Tokyo Press Asks for Reciprocal Act by U.S.

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

CONVERSATIONS between Mr. Masayuki Tani, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, were expected to be resumed before the end of the week, reliable sources predicted here today.

The prediction was bassed on the decision of Japan to reopen a part of the Yangtze River. Announcement yesterday of the Japanese intention was reported today to have made a deep impression upon foreign countries with interests in China, especially Great Britain.

Simultaneously with the notification of Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador, of the Japanese decision, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Foreign Minister, sent a similar communication to Sir Robert. German, French and Italian diplomatic quarters here were also notified at the same time.

Admiral Nomura's message was reported to have been conveyed by Mr. Tani, while Mr. Haruhiko Nishi, Director of European and west Asiatic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was said to have notified the German, French and Italian embassy authorities, acting upon instructions from Admiral Nomura.

A speedy settlement of pending questions between Japan and Great Britain was seen by diplomatic sources here as one of the likely results of the Japanese decision.—Domei.

London Welcomes Decision

London, Dec. 19.

Political and financial circles in London today expressed satisfaction over the report that the Japanese Government was preparing to reopen the Yangtze River between Shanghai and Nanking.

British official circles were reported to believe that reopening of the river would have a good effect on commercial relations between Japan and Britain.

It was forecast that reopening of the river would contribute to restoration of peace in the Far East.—Domei.

America Pleased

New York, Dec. 19.

The Japanese Government's decision to reopen part of the Yangtze River was received by the American press as the biggest news since the start of conversations between Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Foreign Minister, and Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador.

The Japanese decision, according to observers here, was a step in the right direction which could be expected to have a favourable effect on Japanese-American commercial negotiations.

Rapprochement with Japan is desired in various quarters in view of the growing antipathy against the Soviet Union.

The American public was said to regard the decision as an indication of Japan's wish to better relations and aid negotiations for a new trade treaty.—Domei.

U.S. Awaits Opening

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, disclosed yesterday that the United States Government is closely following Japanese reports of the proposed reopening of the Yangtze River as far as Nanking.

The Government is awaiting further information as to the details of the restrictions which the Japanese propose to continue on Third Power shipping on the Yangtze, Mr. Hull indicated.

He said that the United States already had been officially informed of Japan's intention to open the river, but he said that the river had not yet been effectively opened, judging from official data.

Mr. Hull said developments thus far indicated that the opening of the river was merely Japan's intention and that no steps have been taken yet to place the official notification into effect.

A correspondent pointed out to Mr. Hull several Shanghai press reports stating that foreign business circles there were not jubilant over the Japanese announcement because it was believed that Japanese exchange and port restrictions in China might effectively prevent non-Japanese trade along the Yangtze.

Mr. Hull replied that thus far he was merely hoping that the Yangtze would be reopened. He said he would prefer to await the actual reopening of the river before commenting on the future Japanese restrictions.

The Japanese Government, Mr. Hull emphasized, expressed its intention of reopening the Yangtze River.—United Press.

Decision Explained

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

An explanation of Japan's decision to reopen the Yangtze River was given Mr. Eugene H. Dooman, Counsellor to the American Embassy, by Mr. Seijiro Yoshizawa, Director of the Bureau of American Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who invited him to the Ministry this morning.

They also exchanged views on various questions pending between Japan and the United States.

The interview followed the notification yesterday given Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador to Japan, by Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, of the Japanese decision.—Domei.

American Action Wanted

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Now that Japan had shown her desire to respect foreign rights and interests in China along the lines of the "open door" principle, it was incumbent on the United States to show friendship for Japan by preventing the expiration of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation, the "Hochi Shimbun" declared editorially today in commenting on the decision to reopen the Yangtze River.

The daily advised America to "meet Japan halfway" and warned that the United States would "forfeit international confidence" and embitter public opinion in Japan if she failed to reciprocate Japan's good will.

It was the turn of America to show, an attitude of reciprocation, the "Yomiuri" said. The United States should take the lead in preventing a situation in which no trade treaty would exist, according to the journal.

A strong desire was voiced by the press for mutual concessions and conciliation in connection with the question of reopening the Yangtze and Pearl Rivers.

The "Kokumin" said Admiral Nomura apparently responded to a suggestion from Mr. Grew in a previous interview that Japan give a concrete demonstration of her professed respect for the rights of third Powers in China by reopening the Yangtze.

"Christmas Present"

If Japan's "Christmas present" served to pave the way for a new commercial treaty, the action taken by Admiral Nomura would be justified, the "Kokumin" stated.

Admiral Nomura should resign at once if the concession served no purpose in readjusting relations between America and Japan, the daily said.

In such an event the American Government and the American Ambassador would not be exonerated of responsibility for making the suggestion to Admiral Nomura, while the United States would be responsible for anti-American opinion in Japan if relations did not improve after the river was reopened, the paper concluded.

Japanese authorities hoped that foreign Powers would not take advantage of the situation by supplying arms and ammunition to guerillas, the message stated.—Domei.

French to Cable Red Cross Funds

Shanghai Committee Trying To Send 100,000 Francs by Xmas; Appeal for Gifts

The Shanghai Committee of the French Red Cross has decided to make an effort to transfer all funds at the disposal of the committee to France before Christmas. Consequently the committee would feel grateful for any gift donated before that time which would enable them to wire 100,000 francs to France. The committee reminds the public that they should bear in mind the thought of all those fighting in France as well as the countless civilians who are victims of war.

In Shanghai the French Red Cross has determined to do its utmost in training as many auxiliary and trained nurses as possible in war work. This is being done with the cooperation of the French Municipal Council and valuable assistance has been rendered by French civil and military medical men, the staff of the Municipal dispensary and the staff and doctors of the Russian Orthodox Hospital, all these enabling nurses to attend lectures entered in the curriculum of the Wounded Soldiers Relief Society and achieve a thorough, practical training without drawing upon the funds of the society. All resources of the committee are now at the disposal of the French Red Cross to be used in the nursing of soldiers and the aid and comfort to all victims of the war.

Activities of the committee are not confined to the fitting out of hospitals and ambulances and the lending of its staff or doctors and nurses to the Army and Navy, but are also extended to include the welfare and comfort of the soldier on active duty. Club-canteens have been established in the war zone and in railway stations throughout France. Clubs, homes and similar organizations have been established to provide board, lodging and entertainment for soldiers and sailors on leave.

Forwards Correspondence

In addition, the Red Cross undertakes the forwarding of correspondence and parcels to prisoners of war and opens special establishments for the re-education of those unfortunates who have been mutilated or blinded in the war. Rest homes for both officers and men have also been set up. The society provides reading matter for men at the front and in hospitals; provides evacuees with food and other necessities; creates dispensaries for the wives of mobilized men; milk funds for infants; kindergartens and baby homes, where kiddies can be attended to while their mothers work; and also maintains institutions for the care of the tubercular.

The aims of the French Red Cross may be summed up in that the society endeavours to co-operate in the defence of the country by dedicating its funds to the relief of distress and misfortune caused or aggravated by war. The services rendered by the society in the past are too well-known to require any further explanation but the Shanghai Committee of the French Red Cross reminds the public that owing to the expansion of the organization there have been increased demands for relief.

Consequently, the committee appeals to all who can afford to do so to donate gifts of cash and in kind for the welfare of those who are in the midst of danger. Gifts of cash may be forwarded to Mr. Chevretton, Treasurer of the Wounded Soldiers Relief Society at the Bank of Indo-China, while gifts in kind will be received by Mrs. J. Barraud at 1783 Avenue Joffre.

Turkeys Are Very Scarce in Shanghai This Season

Hongkong and Singapore Take Many Destined for Shanghai Tables; Prices Show Increase

TURKEYS are scarce in Shanghai this Christmas season—so scarce in fact, that yesterday at Hongkew market, one of the main centres for the sale of these birds in former years, there were no more than two or three on show. And they were frozen! The chief cause of the shortage seems to be the need for some choice gobblers in Hongkong and Singapore, which cities will soon receive part of a shipment of over 4,000 birds destined, in the first place, for the Shanghai market.

Shipped to Shanghai by their breeders, these turkeys were due to grace many a Shanghai table on Christmas Day. Unluckily for the Shanghailander, but luckily for residents in Hongkong and Singapore, a large local exporting firm stepped in, outbid the local dealers and secured the whole lot. Today, these turkeys await immediate shipment in 200 large crates containing 15 each and 115 smaller crates containing seven to eight each.

There is still time, however, for the local dealers to gather some choice birds for sale to the Shanghai housewife. On Friday another large shipment is due in the city. Competition to buy the birds will be keen and the local dealers, no doubt, will have to face some of the large exporting firms in whose favour the scales are weighted. That the dealers will put up a good fight goes without saying, but anything might happen. Shanghai hopes the dealers will win when the time for bidding comes.

Higher Prices

Not only are gobblers scarce in the city this year but the prices of those on sale are rather frightening. A tour around the city's fifteen markets yesterday revealed the fact that live turkeys were marked at $3 a pound—the highest price on record, one dealer said. Here he pointed out that in palmier days, before the start of the hostilities, the highest price for good quality turkey was 90 cents. "And they were better than these," he added, pointing at the birds on sale.

At the same market pheasants were priced at $1.80 to $2.30 each. Suckling pigs, which were quite plump and inviting, were ready for buyers at $1 a pound and there were plenty of geese—not so very plump though. Chickens were plentiful, Capehorns fetching from 95 cents to $1 a pound. With the exception of cauliflower, vegetables were on sale everywhere and there was a ready sale for all kinds. Due to their scarcity locally, price for cauliflower was $1.50 each. Formerly eight could be purchased for $1.

Frozen Stock

Most of the turkeys on sale yesterday were frozen stock, it was pointed out. For these birds prices of $2.40 for best quality, and $1.50 and $1.70 for inferior types were being asked. "We are concentrating on pork this season," another dealer said, "for the quality of pork this year is good and the prices are up by about five cents only." When asked if he expected to receive any more turkeys he replied "Who knows? They are so scarce and very much dearer." It appears that pork will oust turkey this year in Shanghai.

Shanghailanders have British soldiers to thank for their supplies of turkeys each year. The great majority of the birds hail from the island of Tinghai in the Chusan group where they were first introduced by British soldiers during the Opium War. Since that time turkeys have been bred there year after year and it has become one of the island's biggest businesses.

On the island today every farming family feeds one or two pairs of the birds for export to Shanghai and other large cities. The annual sale of the birds, which are popularly known as Chusan turkeys, amounts to about $150,000 and about 6,000 pairs are exported every year. This year, of course, the prices are higher, for the island is in the occupied zone. The average weight of one Chusan turkey is about 15 pounds, a male bird being priced today at $2 a pound and a female at $1.80. These prices are asked by the breeders before the birds are sold to local dealers. Imported turkeys from abroad are five or six times dearer this season.

Turkey shortage or no turkey the city prepares for Christmas. The shops of the town have introduced festive displays in their windows, wherein are shown the ideal gifts for all members of the family. Along Bubbling Well Road "Christmas Tree Row" has made an appearance. In other shops holly and mistletoe are offered for sale. Bad times or no bad times, Christmas is a time for celebration and the Shanghailander means to celebrate.

Good Business

Although Chinese banks in Shanghai do not observe Christmas, they will be closed on Christmas Day, which is also a Chinese holiday commemorating General Tsai Sung-po's part in staging a revolution in Yunnan which later assisted the Kuomintang to establish the Republic of China. Managers of both the foreign style and native banks have decided to close their doors on Monday and their premises will also be closed on Sunday as usual.

All Chinese banks are now preparing to wind up the year's business as the settlement day draws near. The accounts of the savings departments of the banks will be checked and the interest on monies deposited will be compiled as well as the interest which has accrued in the commercial departments. All Chinese banks are reported to have done good business during the past year and no failures are expected.

With the appearance of large quantities of the Hua Hsing bank notes and Japanese military notes, about 40 new small native banks have sprung up in various parts of the city, especially in Hongkew. These new institutions have come into timely existence during the past two months, states a Chinese report. All the native banks are said to have tried their best to absorb cash from the rich people who live in Shanghai as refugees and who have plenty of "idle" money.

With this "idle" money at their disposal they have been making profits by doing foreign exchange and bond speculation, it is stated. Those new institutions which are located on the north side of the creek have been exchanging Japanese military notes and Hua Hsing bank notes, and it is asserted that those small exchange men who stop villagers going into the interior at the Szechuen Road bridge are commissioned by these new small native banks.

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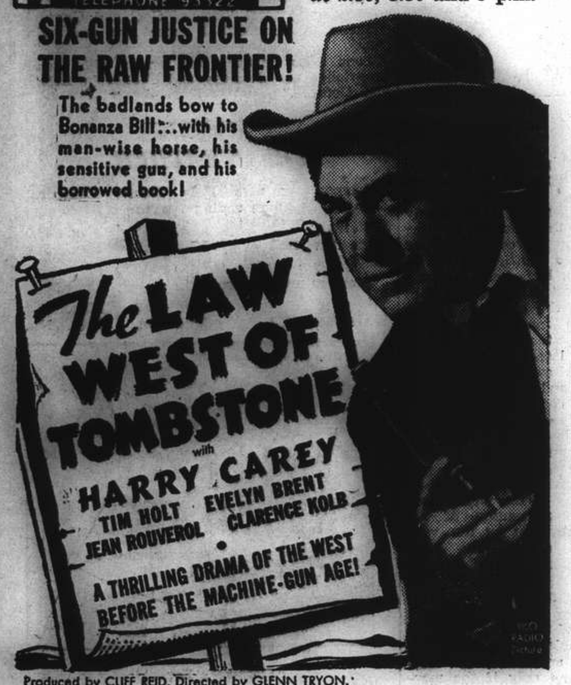
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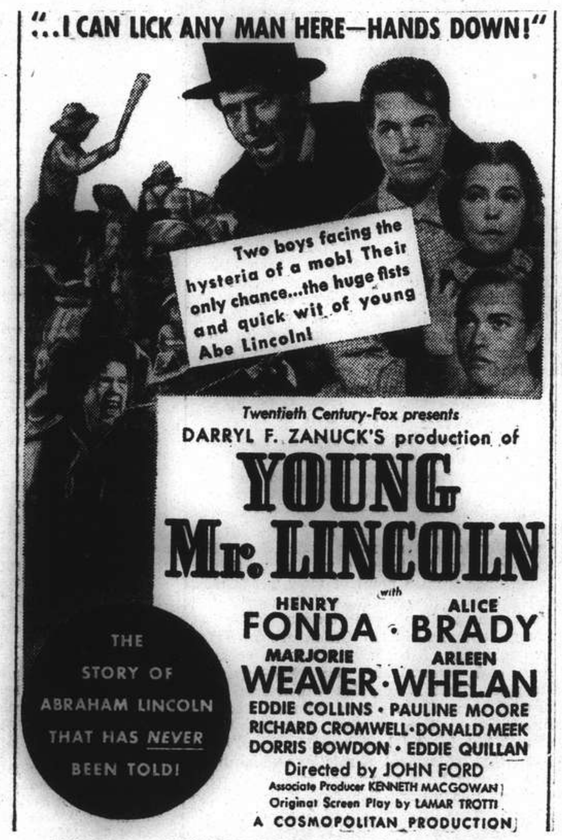
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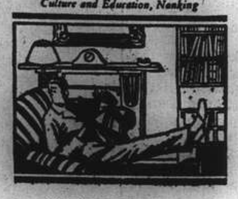

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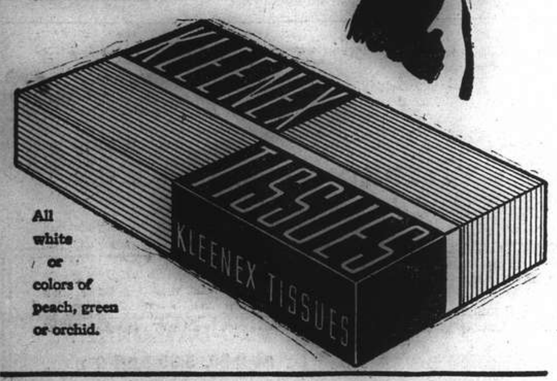

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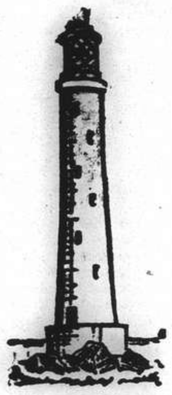

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A GOOD START

When it was announced a short while ago that arrangements were being made to resume conservancy work on the Whangpoo, the impression was formed that the Japanese Government was taking steps to bring about a much better state of affairs between itself and the neutral Powers having interests in China. That improvement has now been emphasized by the announcement made on Monday that it was the intention of Japan to reopen the Yangtze as far as Nanking to foreign shipping subject to certain restrictions the effect of which has not yet been announced. The text of the communiqué was as follows:—

> In view of the fact that absolute military requirements calling for the closure of the lower Yangtze River area have become amenable to gradual modification, the Japanese forces have accordingly decided to make preparations with a view to lifting the ban on navigation on the Yangtze from Nanking downward under certain restrictions for the maintenances of peace and order and for military operations.

That is a most welcome announcement the importance of which is made all the clearer by the statement made by the spokesman of the Gaimusho in which he said "It is greatly regrettable that Japan is misunderstood in some quarters as if it were intending to act in an exclusive and monopolistic manner," for this may be taken as an indication that, while there will be restrictions for the purpose of maintenance of law and order, and to prevent interference with military operations, foreigners will be able to resume trading. Without this the mere opening of the lower Yangtze to foreign shipping would amount to an empty gesture, and it is not to be believed, now that the Japanese Government has taken so decided a step, that it will seek to hedge it about with conditions which would make trade impossible. In any event even those who may be disposed to regard this latest gesture on the part of Japan with scepticism would do well to withhold judgment until it is seen exactly what the reopening does mean and the conditions under which it will be operated. Indeed that would be only common justice to the Japanese who are clearly demonstrating their wish to see an improvement in the relations existing between themselves and the third-party neutrals.

The effect of the reopening, when it comes about, should be profound, so far as Shanghai is concerned, for it should immediately benefit trade, exchange, shipping, and, what is today of paramount importance, the rice supply of this great city. During the last two-and-a-half years Shanghai has managed to carry on a minimum of trade which has done much to keep the city alive, and relatively prosperous in view of all the circumstances, and it is a very natural hope that the Japanese authorities will not long delay putting their decision into operation. With the very substantial area which would thus be opened up, a considerable amount of additional trade should be possible for this port, and as it lives very largely upon such trade the general effect upon the fortunes of Shanghai and its large population should be wholly a beneficial one. While it may yet be some time before Shanghai can expect to resume its former trade to the fullest extent, the fact that it will, it is hoped shortly, be able again to take up the function,—and that by no means an unimportant one,—of serving the hinterland, should mark the commencement of that progress towards increased prosperity which the outbreak of hostilities in 1937 brought so tragically to a temporary conclusion. The announcement made in Tokyo is of particular importance from a point of view which may not generally be recognized. It marks the admission of the well known fact that foreign communities in China are here for the purposes of trade, playing no political role and neutral in the Sino-Japanese struggle. That is a point which has been insisted upon times out of number, and the fullest recognition of that fact by Japan cannot but be the best possible augury for increasing betterment of relations which have undoubtedly been somewhat strained during the last two years. For during that period the enormous investments of foreign neutrals in China have been left idle, where they have not actually suffered material damage, and they have every right to expect that their position shall, and their rights, and interests recognized.

It has to be admitted that there will still be much to be done before the very natural desires of the various foreign communities are completely satisfied, and taking a realistic view of the situation the Japanese cannot be blamed for taking all precautions to protect themselves in this war with China. The reopening of the Lower Yangtze to foreign shipping and trade will be welcomed as the initial step towards that general restoration which Japan has continually promised in official assurances that foreign neutrals rights and interests would at all times be respected. If it is shown, as it is believed it will be, that the Gaimusho's spokesman's remarks, denying that Japan intends to act in an exclusive and monopolistic manner, are in fact proved by actual performance then there is no reason whatever why a general improvement in relations all round should not continue. In this connection it is more than pleasing to learn that the negotiations between the Shanghai Municipal Council, the Japanese authorities and the administration of Greater Shanghai on outstanding problems are proceeding satisfactorily and that the possibilities of effecting an all round settlement are now regarded favourably. It is understood that negotiations between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Japanese for a working arrangement north of the Soochow Creek have been completed, and that that district will be completely reopened directly the question of the outside roads has been settled. Negotiations towards that end are proceeding and it is believed that there is now no insurmountable obstacle to an agreement being reached. These facts are satisfactory signs of a general improvement in the local situation, and, added to the recommencement of conservancy work on the Whangpoo and the announcement of the coming opening of the lower Yangtze, form favourable auguries for a continuance of improved relations all round, and a better prospect for the coming year.

The Truer Aspect

Quite a different picture of the scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee is given by Mr. Winston Churchill, in his latest broadcast, for while it was thought that the vessels waiting outside Montevideo included H.M.S. Renown and Ark Royal, it is now made plain that they were not on the scene, and that, if the Admiral Graf Spee had chosen to come out and fight, she would have encountered only the Ajax and the Achilles together with the Cumberland which had arrived to take the place of the Exeter. She would have had to fight two cruisers damaged in the action of last week, and one cruiser, still inferior to herself in gun power, so that the odds against her were not so great as was formerly believed. It is no cause for wonder, therefore, that surprise and dismay should be felt in Germany over the news of the scuttling of the pocket-battleship, because even Germans whose news is spoon-fed to them by Dr. Goebbels' Ministry must find it difficult to reconcile the alleged victory with the self-destruction of the vessel. It may safely be assumed that the news of the scuttling must have had a devastating effect upon public opinion in Germany, and in itself constitutes a serious reverse for Herr Hitler who has had to admit defeat in the course of a long string of alleged successes which did not exist in fact. There is much to be said for the contention that the decision to scuttle the Admiral Graf Spee is an indication that even amongst the leaders of Germany there is some doubt as to whether Germany can emerge victorious from this struggle. Obviously, if they were confident of success, the best course would have been to intern the vessel, which, after the war, would have been returned to them, and the fact that they destroyed it, is the best possible proof of the existence of a fear that after all victory does not lie ahead, in which event it might be the wisest thing to destroy the ship rather than have her handed over to the victorious Allies at the end of the war. The alleged German victory has been transformed into a singularly ignominious defeat, and a tacit admission of the posibility of even greater failure.

Running to Form

The outburst of frightfulness in the North Sea where German aeroplanes have been ruthlessly bombing and machine-gunning defenceless trawlers and the like is obviously vengeful retaliation for the success of the British cruisers in forcing the commander of the Admiral Graf Spee to scuttle his vessel. Such craft, as those which have been attacked have no power to reply, and consequently place no very great tax upon the bravery of the navigators of the German machines to attack them. It is unlikely that the world will be more horrified over this latest exhibition of complete disregard of the canons of ordinary decency, for Herr Hitler and his accomplices have already given it a complete surfeit, so much so that Nazi disregard for the laws of warfare has now come to be taken so much for granted that when a German officer behaves with chivalry towards his foe it becomes news. These attacks on shipping in the North Sea, regardless of the nationality of the victims, are not only in complete contravention of recognized legal requirements, but of the very assurance of Herr Hitler himself. The Nazi Government freely signed the Anglo-German Naval Treaty of 1935 including clauses regulating the use of submarine for commerce warfare. Those restated the existing, law and forbade the destruction of merchant ships at sea, enemy or neutral, unless the crew, passengers and ship's papers are first removed to a place of safety, and then only if the merchantman resists capture. When, in the spring of this year, Herr Hitler denounced that Treaty, after his invasion of Czechoslovakia, he declared his continued adherence to the rules of war on commerce. Those rules apply with equal force to aeroplane warfare against merchant vessels, but the world has long come to regard Herr Hitler's assurances as nothing else than things to be broken whenever it suits his purpose. Der Fuehrer would not be running true to form if he ever kept a promise.

A Country Diary

Dec. 17.—My recent diary entry about the "shepherd's count" aroused a lot of interest among friends and I have received many letters asking for further explanations. Incidentally I made the mistake of writing *fore-leg* instead of *hind-leg* as the meaning of "Jigget," but that does not matter. One learned friend to whom Erse, Gaelic, Cornish and Breton dialects are as an open book, tells me that "Bumfit" (15) is the equivalent of the Welsh "Pymtheg" i.e. *Pimp* (5) plus *deg* (10), but I am inclined to think that there was a lot of punning or playing on words among our ancient shepherds, since the same number in certain dialects becomes "*buon*" or "*buum*." This is how I see the picture. The shepherds knew two certain facts: they had five fingers on each hand and every animal had four legs: hence they made the tally four times five (a score). To memorize the count round their fingers twice was difficult, so they took the sheep's legs as the basis of their calculations. Thus, a shepherd would say, "I start with the two fore-feet and the warning numbers are *Pimp* (5) and *Deg* or *Dix* (10): I then go to the two hind-feet which are *Bumfit*, the near-hind and *Jigget* which represents the last "leg" in the count. Having been trained as an accountant, I can easily picture these illiterate men taking words as they found them and twisting them to meet their own devices. One shepherd would come to another and ask how many stray sheep he had seen in a certain valley; the other had counted nineteen on his fingers; so he thought of the third foot of the sheep (*Bumfit*) and replied, "peddera-bumfit" which meant, "add four digits to the third leg of the count": answer 19.

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Planting Time

WIFE (sorrowfully): "I've just received a letter from mother, she says she is feeling seedy."

Husband (with a grunt): "I suppose that means she is going to plant herself on us."

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No Cat, He

THE little boy in the country had revelled in the country mud, but when he was asked why he had not washed, he replied "cos there was no soap or towel in the bathroom." "But you've a tongue in your head," remonstrated his hostess. "Yus lady," he replied, "but I aint no blinking cat."

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Calculate

AN Englishman out walking in the Highlands entered a farmhouse to ask the time. Noticing an old grandfather clock he said "Surely your clock is wrong." "Naething wrong wi it" answered the farmer. "It's you that doesna' understand it. When the wee hann's straight up and the big haun's straight doon it strikes ten, but the richt time's five o'clock. After that ye've nothin' to do but calculate."

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Paying His Way

AN inspector boarded a bus—to find the conductor sitting at ease smoking his pipe and reading a paper, while a flustered sailor dashed about collecting fares.

"What's this mean?" he roared.

Between puffs, the conductor explained, "Nothing to worry about, chum," he said. "That bloke's a stowaway. 'E can't pay 'is fare, so I'm making 'im work 'is passage."

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Bible Reference

THE son of a Scottish minister named Jordan was studying at Edinburgh University for his medical degree. The minister had a hard struggle to keep the boy at college, and the family were very disappointed when the lad failed to pass his final exam. After the third failure he was given his last and only chance and promised to wire the result immediately it was known. In due course the minister received a cryptic message "Hymn 314 last verse last line." Turning nervously to his book the minister read "Sorrow vanquished, labour ended. Jordan passed."

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Censors

THE Chief Censor at Singapore in an interview strove to remove the atmosphere of suspicion and ill-will. Said he: "The other day there came to my notice a letter on the back of which was inscribed the following words: 'I bet this letter will be opened by the censors—the nosey cows.'

"I should like to assure the writer of this letter, if she is among my listeners, that it was not found necessary to open the letter, but that it ran a grave risk of being delayed a day or two for exposure on the noticeboard on which are pinned any gems of wit or humour which may occur to enliven the day's drudgery."

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Splendid New Feature

LOVELY Agnes Peabody, 19-year-old Bolton tank queen, has become a special military correspondent.

Miss Peabody, who until recently held the proud title of "Miss Legs of the Guards," has had unrivalled opportunities for studying the military scene, and presents her views with freshness and charm.

In a brilliant review of the situation to day, Miss Peabody writes:

"I think General Viscount Gort and General Gamelin are two perfect soldiers and gentlemen. Some military men I could name may be soldiers, but they aren't gentlemen by a long chalk. It would be ever so nasty for a nice girl if they were at the head of things. As it is, with two such absolute gentlemen and soldiers as General Viscount Gort and General Gamelin in command, I expect we shall win easy."

Soon Miss Peabody will write with inside knowledge on "Strategy and Tactics in Attack and Defence."

THE WEATHER

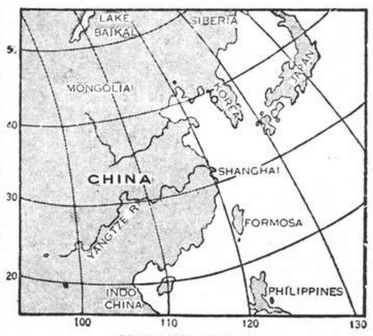
Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	31.5	Max.	48.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	43.5	Max.	51.0

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	29.8	Max.	52.2
Same date, 1938	Min.	Nil.	Max.	Nil.



Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 18th:—Rather high anticyclone over China; typhoon over the Vizayas, slowly advancing north-westward. Fine weather with north-westerly to north-easterly winds in China. Cloudy to overcast and regular monsoon over the Yellow Sea and the Eastern Sea.

State on the morning of the 19th:—Fine and cold weather with hoar frost. North-north-westerly breezes. Very high and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine, cold, hazy and locally cloudy weather with south-westerly winds around Shantung: north-westerly to north-easterly over our regions and to the south of the Saddles. Typhoon signal: Approximate position of the centre, at 6 a.m., within 60 miles, latitude 15, longitude 122, inclining north, intensity: unknown.—Siccawei Observatory.

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R.A.F. Down 12 Nazi Planes in Big Battle

British Bomber Formation Over Heligoland Attacked by Twenty-Four Messerchmidts; Seven English Planes Unaccounted For

London, Dec. 18.

IN the greatest aerial battle of the European War, Royal Air Force bombers today shot twelve German Messerschmidt fighting planes over closely guarded Heligoland Bay, close to the Reich's coastline, an Air Ministry communique announced this evening. Seven of the British planes were "unaccounted for" tonight, according to the same communique, which read in detail as follows: "A bomber formation of the Royal Air Force today reconnoitred the Heligoland area with the object of attacking any enemy warships found at sea. No warships were encountered at sea, but the bombers met strong German fighter forces. A fierce encounter ensued and twelve Messerschmidts were shot down while seven of our bombers are not accounted for at present."

The twelve Nazi fighters brought down by the R.A.F. planes constituted half the German squadron of planes, the Air Ministry announced in a later communique.

At the same time, the Ministry denied reports about heavy aerial fighting alleged to have taken place above the German base of Sylt this morning.

No British aircraft were in the vicinity of the German base, it was pointed out.—Havas.

British Fliers Show Skill

London, Dec. 19.

"The strenuous resistance offered to the British 'planes," authoritative quarters state, "clearly demonstrates the importance the German High Command attaches to the preservation of their diminishing fleet.

"The enemy withdrew their naval forces and left their fighter aircraft to dispute the British passage."

In the course of severe fighting, the skill and determination of British captains and crews, as well as the effectiveness of the armament of British aircraft is said to have been clearly demonstrated by the heavy casualties suffered by the Germans.

German accounts of the engagement are regarded as an abortive attempt to minimise the severe loss of prestige they have suffered at sea and in the air during the last few days.—Reuter.

Intense Activity

It was understood that about 65 Royal Air Force planes participated in the large scale attack on Heligoland Bay, and other German coast bases yesterday in revenge for Nazi air attacks on more than a dozen ships, which were bombed and machine-gunned in British waters Sunday.

The increased activity of both Nazi and British forces indicated that both sides were striking with far greater fury than they have since the war began.

The Heligoland air battle, it was understood here, was the first of a series anticipated in connection with British efforts to establish air supremacy over Germany.

Air circles pointed out that British bombers were opposed by Germany's fighters, no British fighters having been downed by German bombers since the war started.

It was said that it was likely that at one time or another in the course of the day, 65 British planes had been patrolling the North Sea and fewer than 65 participated in the Heligoland combat.—United Press.

Big German Claims

Berlin, Dec. 19.

The German High Command claimed last night that 34 of 44 Royal Air Force planes were shot down by German pursuit planes and anti-aircraft batteries yesterday when the British planes "attempted to raid" the Heligoland area.

Germany lost two planes in the giant aerial battle but the crews of both planes escaped by parachutes, the communique said.

The High Command admitted that several British planes reached Wilhelmshaven, vital German naval base, and dropped three bombs. No damage was suffered by the German Navy, however, the announcement said.

The British raiders, the communique said, concentrated their activity over the North Sea in the neighbourhood of Heligoland Bay. German pursuit planes were said to have engaged the raiders in several sharp battles over the inner Heligoland bight.

In addition to those British planes shot down, the announcement said, the Germans were not counting "other possible British losses." Several wrecked R.A.F. planes already have been washed ashore on Frisian Island, the communique said.—United Press.

15 Ships Attacked By Nazi Planes

British, Neutral Merchant Vessels Machinegunned And Bombed; Five Sunk

London, Dec. 19.

The shadow of German air raiders fell over fifteen British and neutral vessels in the North Sea and five of them were sunk with loss of life yesterday, the Information Ministry announced this evening on behalf of the Admiralty.

Attacks on all fifteen vessels were made with bombs and machineguns. Proof of machinegunning is conclusive since survivors of some of the ships bear wounds that could be caused only by machinegun bullets.

Among the bombed boats was the Italian merchantman Valentino Coda and the British motor vessels Serenity and Tuscan Star. The other ships were either trawlers or fishing boats. The total casualty list comprised two men dead and six wounded. Among the dead was the second wireless operator of the Tuscan Star, killed by a bomb fragment, and one sailor machinegunned aboard the trawler Campagnus.

Morning Attack

The Information Ministry's communique read as follows:

"Attacks were made by enemy aircraft on British and neutral merchant and fishing vessels in the North Sea yesterday.

"During the morning, bombing attacks were made on the small motor vessel Serenity and the fishing trawlers Neochoice, Ben Clair and Craigie Lea.

"The Serenity and Neochoice were sunk. The enemy also attacked the Craigie Lea with machinegun fire and two of the crew were wounded.

"Upon the approach of British aircraft, the enemy made off before contact could be established. A lifeboat containing ten men of the Neochoice later was sighted by the aircraft of the Coastal Command, which directed a drifter to the spot.

"The crews of both the Serenity and the Neochoice were rescued.

"Further attacks meanwhile were made during the afternoon on the motor vessel Tuscan Star, the trawlers Dervish, Sheldon, Arnold Bennet and Dormio and the Italian vessel Valentino Coda.

Wireless Man Killed

"Bombs were dropped and the second wireless operator on the Tuscan Star was killed by a fragment. The enemy also attacked this ship with machinegun fire, but caused no casualties.

"Royal Air Force craft engaged the enemy in the failing light, firing a number of rounds at them, and inflicted damage before the enemy disappeared in the clouds," the Information Ministry concluded.

Other reports dealt with attacks of the trawlers Evelina and Sedgefly, which are long overdue and presumed to have been sunk, and of the trawlers Eileen Wray, Campagnus and Pearl.

The Pearl is known to have been sunk and three men of her rescued crew were found to suffer from machinegun bullet wounds. The Eileen Wray was towed into a British port, while one sailor was killed and another injured by machinegun fire on the Campagnus.—Havas.

Berlin Claims

Berlin, Dec. 19.

Attacks on British warships by German Air Force planes are announced here.

British patrol and protective vessels, it is stated, were attacked "partly from a great altitude by medium-sized bombs and partly by low-diving machine-gun tactics."

Two patrol vessels and two other ships were sunk by direct hits, it is claimed, while three other war vessels showed heavy lists.—Reuter.

German Story Denied

London, Dec. 19.

The Admiralty denies the German claim that British patrol and other warships were sunk in an air raid.—Reuter.

King Leopold Reviews His Troops

Pays Quick Surprise Visits Frequently

Brussels, Dec. 18.

In keeping with his recently-acquired habit of paying unexpected visits to the various defence sectors of his realm, King Leopold of the Belgians today inspected coastal defences and reviewed troops at Ostend while Foreign Minister Paul-Henri Spaak received and conferred with the French and British Ambassadors.

Latest political and military developments in Europe were stated to have been discussed by the Foreign Minister and the Allied envoys, who also examined Belgium's status in the present international situation.

Meanwhile, the King, it was learned, voiced his personal satisfaction at the advanced stage of military preparedness throughout the country.

The King of late has paid a series of quick surprise visits to military headquarters in all the garrison towns and along the German frontier. His activity in this respect, it was pointed out, has aided to perfect the Belgian military machine, for watchfulness and precautions have been redoubled everywhere in readiness for a royal visit at any moment.—Havas.

Two German Officers Prisoners-of-War

Paris, Dec. 18.

Two Nazi German army officers were among the prisoners-of-war made by French forces today during a brief but violent encounter in the Vosges, a French General Staff communique announced this evening.

"Toward midday," the communique stated, "a sharp engagement took place in the Vosges Mountains between one of our reconnoitring parties and German units. "We captured a number of the enemy soldiers, among them two officers," the official despatch asserted.—Havas.

Lone British Sub Torpedoes Two Warships

Cruisers Reported Hit After Meeting Bremen at Sea

London, Dec. 19.

The attack by a lone British submarine on a pocket-battleship, two battle cruisers and three cruisers, after sighting the German liner Bremen, is described in a statement issued by the Admiralty.

When the submarine came to periscope depth to investigate she found the Bremen—which was heading for a German port after having taken refuge at Murmansk—steaming past fairly fast, but it was at once obvious the liner would pass well within torpedo range, the statement says. In fact, it is asserted, it would have been impossible for the captain of a submarine to have missed such a great target had he decided to fire at it, but the captain had definite orders from the Admiralty that the war at sea was to be conducted in strict accordance with international law.

The British submarine therefore set about carrying out the procedure required of it under international law. In spite of the fact that German aircraft were known to be in the vicinity, the submarine came to the surface and made a signal by daylight signalling lamp: "Stop immediately."

Bremen Ignores Signal

The Bremen took no notice. Then the commander of the submarine gave orders for his gun to be loaded, in order that a shot could be fired across the bows of the Bremen. Not until this had been done could the British submarine legally take offensive action, the statement points out.

Even then the responsibility for making provision for the safety of the Bremen's crew would have devolved upon the submarine—a matter of impossibility in the circumstances.

The warning shot was never fired—German aircraft appeared overhead and forced the submarine to dive. In spite of the fact she had to dive, the submarine could easily have fired six torpedoes into the Bremen.

True Story

"That" says the Admiralty "is the true story of the sighting of the Bremen by a British submarine. It contrasts strongly with the reports that have been circulated by the German radio and which are not substantiated by a single fact."

Rather less than 24 hours after the Bremen had passed, the statement goes on, the British submarine sighted two German battle cruisers, the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau, and one pocket battleship, with three cruisers in company. Two of the cruisers were the new eight-inch gun ships the Hipper and the Blucher, and the other was recognized as the Leipzig.

At first it appeared the British submarine would be unable to do more than report the fact that the German ships were at sea for they were steering so that they would pass a long way from the submarine.

Submarine Fires

Just as the submarine commander was giving up all hope of being able to attack, the cruisers altered course, bringing them within torpedo range of the submarine.

A few minutes later the submarine fired six torpedoes on slightly different courses. It would have been an easy matter for her to have fired all the torpedoes at one cruiser and thus make certain of sinking one ship. But she fired them at different angles, the Admiralty claims, hoping by this means to disable more than one ship and so do more towards provoking a fleet action, for which the British Navy has been hoping.

The first torpedo hit the Leipzig. There was a pause of only a minute, then two other terrific explosions told that two more torpedoes had found their mark—almost certainly upon a heavy cruiser. The other three torpedoes obviously passed between the German warships.

Tell-tale Oill 1

The statement adds the fact that no fleet action resulted from the encounter was the fault of bad visibility and not of the submarine.

After being hunted for two hours, the submarine returned to the spot after dark and found an area of nearly four square miles thickly coated with oil.

The Admiralty comments; "It seems certain that at least one heavy cruiser in addition to the Leipzig was badly damaged, and that at least one of the ships might well have failed to reach port."—Reuter.

Submarine Salmon

London, Dec. 18.

The Salmon, a large-type submarine, carried out its daring exploit the day after it had permitted the Reich's luxury liner Bremen to pass safely although within torpedo range en route from Murmansk to Germany on December 12.

Mine Blown Ashore

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

A drifting mine was washed ashore near the village of Nishiyusa in Yamagata Prefecture early this morning, according to a telephone message from Sakata. Origin of the mine was not known.—Domei.

Graf Spee's Crew Tell of Being At Sea for Four Months

All Young Men with No Previous War Experience; Argentina to Pay Salaries to 1,039 Germans

Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.

Rear-Admiral L. Scasso the Navy Minister, today visited the members of the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee at the hotel here in which they are being kept under guard.

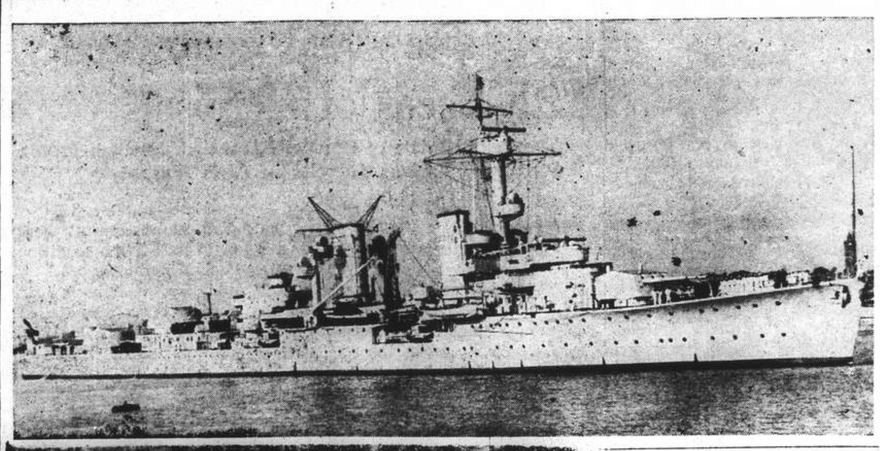
The Argentine Government will continue to pay the salaries of the 1,039 German officers and sailors, while deducting a certain amount for their upkeep.

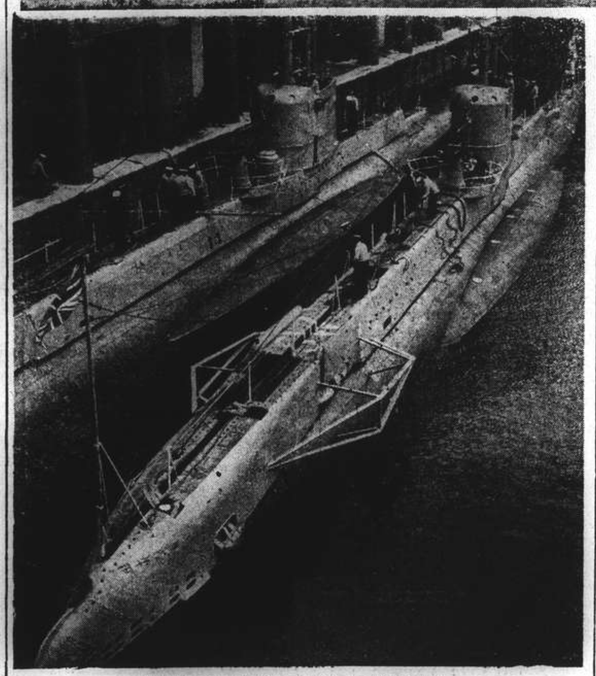
Foreign Minister Jose-Maria Cantilo announced that the Argentine Government decided to intern the officers and men of the German warship in order to avoid any incidents.

Sailors from the warship declared that they had not entered any port for the last four months. Nine days after the war, they said, the Admiral Graf Spee left Wilhelmshaven for the South Atlantic with the task of sinking as many Allied merchant ships as possible. Most of the sailors are young men with no previous war experience.

Captain Langsdorf, commander of the scuttled warship announced that he would remain in Argentina as long as the Argentine Government wished him to do so.

Meanwhile, the papers here yesterday evening referred to the end of the German warship under banner headlines reading "without Heroism And Without Glory," and "Nazi Germany Loses Even Tradition Of Heroism."—Havas





British Naval Successess in North Sea

Three German cruisers have been torpedoed, and one probably sunk, by British submarines, according to an Admiralty announcement. Upper picture shows a German cruiser of the Koeln class torpedoed in the River Elbe, and, below, two submarines of the Swordfish class, to which belongs the Salmon, which attacked the German fleet in the North Sea on December 13 and torpedoed the cruiser Leipzig.

Only Three Ships Waited for Raider Says Mr. Churchill

Tribute to British Cruisers Broadcast; German Navy's Enterprise Broken; Scuttling Condemned

London, Dec. 18.

"THE entire German Fleet has abandoned whatever enterprise it had....German warships hardly ever venture out of port," First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill declared in a radio broadcast tonight when he dealt in detail with the Admiral Graf Spee's defeat and scuttling, the exploits of the British submarines Salmon and Ursula and the series of aeroplane attacks on 24 British and neutral ships yesterday and today. In his most fiery vein, Mr. Churchill condemned the pocket-battleship Graf Spee for not coming out fighting from Montevideo. He recalled that the Rawalpindi, armed British merchantman, preferred to fight rather than go down scuttled even though she had not a single chance against two German cruisers.

"The pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee," Mr. Churchill declared, "which for many weeks has been preying on trade in the south Atlantic, has met her doom and shipping of all nations may, for a spell at least, enjoy the freedom of the seas.

"In spite of her far heavier metal and commanding gun range, the German warship was driven by three British cruisers to take refuge in a neutral harbour.

"Once in harbour she had the choice of ordinary internment or coming out to fight and go down in battle like the Rawalpindi. This would have been honourable for her.

"She discovered a third course, however, and came out not to fight, but to sink herself.

Only Three Warships Waited

"At that time," Mr. Churchill continued, "the Graf Spee knew that the British ships Renown and Ark Royal were still 1000 miles away, oiling at Rio de Janeiro. All that awaited her outside the harbour of Montevideo were the two six-inch-gun cruisers Achilles and Ajax, who had chased her in, and the eight-inch-gun cruiser Cumberland, which had arrived to take the place of the damaged Exeter.

"Our own losses have not been slight.

"There is no harm in stating that the Ajax, in which was Commodore Harwood (since promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral), had two of her four turrets knocked out while the Exeter bore up against 40 to 50 hits, many of the shells three times the weight she could fire.

"Three of the Exeter's eight-inch guns were smashed and she sustained nearly 100 casualties, by far the greater part killed.

Subs Have Good Week

"Nevertheless," he pointed out, "she remained outside the harbour of Montevideo, ready although crippled to take part in a fresh attack. She departed only when relieved by the timely arrival of the Cumberland.

"Here at home," the First Lord stated, "our submarines have had the best week I can remember in this or the last war.

"British submarines do not wage war on neutral vessels and they do not attack humble fishing boats. They have work for the most parts among minefields and in the strongly defended waters of Heligoland.

"The exploits of the British submarine Salmon last week are remarkable.

"She abstained from torpedoing the Bremen when the enormous ship was at her mercy. She hit a 6000-ton cruiser with one torpedo and a second cruiser of equal size with two torpedoes.

"These cruisers may have been able to limp home, but this is by no means certain in the case of one of them. In any case, they will be out of action for many months.

Ursula's Feat

"The British submarine Ursula also reports that on December 14 she sank a 6000-ton cruiser of the Köln class although surrounded by German destroyers.

"A considerable proportion of the total German cruiser strength has been sunk or put out of action in a single week."

Mr. Churchill continued with reference to the action of German air raiders yesterday and today, when "the German naval air forces have been redoubling their efforts and sinking fishing smacks and drowning fishermen."

"The German Air Force," he stated, "has been trying to bomb unarmed merchant ships, including an Italian ship, moving up and down the east coast of Britain.

"German aeroplanes have even machine-gunned sailors on the decks of unarmed merchant ships.

British Traffic Continues

"I am glad to say, however, that their fury has far exceeded the accuracy of their aim. Out of the 24 ships attacked with bombs, only six small boats have been hit.

"I am able to tell you," Mr. Churchill concluded, "that the whole movement of British traffic is proceeding uninterrupted and that yesterday, a division of the Canadian Army, strongly escorted across the ocean, disembarked in one of our home harbours for the purpose of intensive training before joining comrades on the Western Front."—Havas.

Japan Ready to Pay U.S. Indemnities

Damage Caused by China War to Be Made Good

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Japan was ready to pay the United States a reasonable indemnity for damage done to American interests in China during the Sino-Japanese conflict, reliable sources here declared today.

These sources claimed that Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, expressed this readiness when he told Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador, yesterday that Japan had decided partially to reopen the Yangtze.

Mr. Grew, these sources added, told Admiral Nomura that he would transmit Japan's attitude on this matter to Washington.—Domei.

London's Giant Panda Dies of Strange Illness

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 19.

Sung, one of the three specimens of the giant panda owned by the London Zoo, died yesterday following an undiagnosed illness.

Sung was worth more than £1,000.—Reuter.

Canadians Arrive In Britain

First Troops Welcomed By Dominions Secretary; Message from King

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 19.

The Canadian Expeditionary Force, which arrived at a British port on Sunday, were enthusiastically welcomed as they streamed ashore in thousands from the great liners that had carried them across the ocean.

The fleet of transports was guarded by a formidable squadron of the navy, while R.A.F. 'planes patrolled overhead, on guard against possible surprise raids.

The troops represented every part of Canada and included some Americans, Red Indians and coloured men who had served in the last war, but the majority were youngsters.

They were drawn up on the pier and heard the General Officer Commanding read a message of welcome from the King, who said: "The British army can be proud to have as comrades in arms the successors of those who came from Canada in the Great War, and fought with a heroism that can never be forgotten."

Mr. Eden Cheered

The troops doffed their caps and cheered Mr. Eden, the Secretary of State for the Dominions, who welcomed the Canadians and said that the British people would never forget this great act of co-operation.

"The task before us," Mr. Eden declared, "may be long—and it certainly will be tough—but in the assurance of the peoples of the British Commonwealth is a certainty of final victory."

The Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Force, Major-General A. G. McNaughton, replied, expressing his gratitude to the King and Mr. Eden, as well as to the navy for their splendid safeguarding of the troops across the Atlantic.

The Canadians then entrained for a camp in the distant part of England, where they will undergo a period of intensive training.—Reuter.

Pressure on Japanese Demanded

New York Daily Urges Settlement in East

New York, Dec. 19.

The New York "Post" today editorially urged the United States to bring enormous pressure to bear against Japan to bring about a "decent settlement" in the Far East.

"The onus rests upon this country," the editorial said, "because we are almost exclusively arming the aggressor."

The editorial, entitled "Chinese Make Progress," pointed out that the centring of American public attention on the European war had obscured some recent major Chinese military achievements, including the reported sinking of a Japanese warship on the Yangtze River.

"The Japanese military machine," the paper said, "seems to be bogged down as never before in the long Chinese stalemate."—United Press.

Tokyo Stock Exchange Becomes Lively

Improved Japanese Position Causes Flutter

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

The stock exchange, which has been veering between caution and pessimism for some time, enlivened somewhat today as the result of a series of optimistic rumours. Traders tended to believe that the international situation is beginning to incline somewhat in favour of Japan.

They were made optimistic by the rumours that the Soviet Union is ready to resume negotiations on the fishery question as well as start negotiations for the conclusion of a commercial treaty.

Dealers were made even more cheerful by reports that the Government is taking a rather optimistic view of the future of American-Japanese trade as a sequel to Japan's decision to lift the ban on navigation in the lower reaches of the Yangtze River.—Reuter.

Victorious British Sub Accorded Extremely Enthusiastic Welcome

Return of Vessel to Port from Most Eventful Patrol of This War or the Last One

London, Dec. 18.

The British submarine which recently sank a U-boat, sighted the Bremen (51,731 tons) and torpedoed at least one German cruiser, had an enthusiastic reception on her return to port.

As she entered harbour, sirens sounded on every ship present—among them two destroyers of the Polish Navy, which are at present co-operating with the Royal Navy.

The patrol from which the submarine returned is spoken of in naval circles as the most eventful which has fallen to any submarine either in this war or the last one. Events moved rapidly from the beginning.

The submarine had not long been in her patrol area before she sighted a German U-boat, of the big, ocean-going type, steaming fast on the surface outward-bound. The British submarine manœuvred quickly to attack. Torpedoes were fired, and in a few minutes there came a shattering explosion. The wreckage was thrown at least 200 feet into the air. The British submarine then made an unsuccessful search for survivors.

It is unofficially learned here that there has been a severe engagement off the coast of north-west Germany.

It is understood that German reports which are being circulated grossly exaggerate both the number engaged and the number of casualties.

An Admiralty announcement regarding the casualties sustained in the action off Montevideo by H.M.S. Ajax (6,840 tons), confirms that seven men were killed as previously stated.

The announcement gives the names of two other members of the crew seriously injured. Eleven other men received minor injuries only, and all are progressing satisfactorily, it is added.—Reuter.

Serious Defeat Suffered by Invading Soviet Troops

17,000 Russians Killed or Captured; Smallpox Breaks Out in Red Army; Helsinki Bombed

Stockholm, Dec. 19.

A MOST serious defeat was suffered by Soviet Russian troops in the Suomisalmi region, it was announced here today. No less than 17,000 Soviet soldiers were either killed or captured by the Finns. On the other hand, however, the situation of the Finns in northern Finland appears desperate. They lost a hard battle there, as Soviet tanks swept everything before them. The Finns have just received a number of anti-tank guns which enabled them to stage counter-attacks in some sectors. Nevertheless the Soviet advance towards Pankajaervi seems certain. South of Lake Ladoga the Finns are maintaining their positions.—Havas.

Helsinki, Dec. 19.

Russian bombs were dropped on the outskirts of Helsinki this morning. Eighteen Russian 'planes participated in the raid but only four succeeded in reaching the capital. They flew at a great height.

Russian aircraft were especially active on the south coast of Finland yesterday. It is reported that some Russian bombers were shot down near Viborg. The Russians are reported to have bombed a hospital marked with the Red Cross.—Reuter.

Finnish Soldiers Re-Vaccinated

Helsinki, Dec. 19.

Small-pox has broken out among the Russian Army in Finland, according to reports reaching here. These state that the outbreak is spreading rapidly and has already reached the proportions of an epidemic.

All Finnish soldiers are being hastily re-vaccinated, together with all persons living in frontier regions. All vaccine available in Finland has been requisitioned.

A further 2,000 picked men from the Moscow garrison have been brought up to reinforce Russian troops, according to Finnish reconnaissance reports.

It is believed that these troops are destined for an attempt to penetrate the Mannerheim Line. The total Russian forces on the various fronts are now estimated at 500,000.

Finland has only 350,000 men mobilised. Russian losses are estimated at 30,000 to 40,000 men and 250 tanks.—Reuter.

Finnish Victory

Stockholm, Dec. 19.

The greatest Finnish victory of the Central Finland campaign was won yesterday when one Finnish regiment defeated three Russian regiments west of Suomussalmi, the "Dagens Nyheter's correspondent in the Suomussalmi sector reported.

Quoting the Finnish General in command of the Suomussalmi sector, the correspondent said the three Russian regiments comprised 7,000 men.

A second Finnish victory was claimed by the Finns when they threw off a heavy Russian attack north of Kemijaervi, the correspondent said. The Finns attacked the Russians on both flanks, after permitting them to penetrate near the border town of Antajarvi, northwest of Suomussalmi, the correspondent said.

The Finnish General did not reveal the number of troops killed, wounded, and taken prisoner during the action, the correspondent declared, but said the Russian regiments were completely destroyed. He added that the Finns, after breaking the Russian flanks at Kiantsmarvi, launched a frontal attack, completely routing the Russians.

Yesterday the Finns had resisted the Russian invasion one day longer than the entire German campaign against Poland had lasted, the correspondent said.—United Press.

Soviets Lose 33 Tanks

Helsinki, Dec. 18.

The Red Army invading Finland lost no less than 33 tanks within a bare twelve hours today in unsuccessful military operations along all fronts, a Finnish General Staff communique reported tonight.

While "increased military activity went on throughout the day," the communique added, from the sea fronts it was reported that Soviet destroyers were sighted today in the Gulf of Finland.

Dealing with land operations in detail, the General Staff asserted: "After artillery action, Soviet troops in the Karelian Isthmus attacked with large forces today. Several dozens of tanks supported the infantry. The attack nevertheless was repelled, however, and 26 Soviet tanks were captured.

"At Taipale, on the Vuoksi River, the Russians twice endeavoured to concentrate their troops for an attack, but were dispersed by our artillery fire. Five Soviet tanks were destroyed.

"On the eastern front," the communique continued, "Soviet attacks in the Koirinoja and Syskyjaervi region were repelled.

"Two enemy tanks were captured in the Luimola sector while increased military activity went on throughout the day. On the Lake Ladoga front, an artillery duel was fought out sporadically," the Finnish General Staff concluded.—Havas.

Russians in Norway?

Stockholm, Dec. 19.

General Wallenius, commander of Finnish troops on the northern frontier, yesterday told a correspond-

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American Protest Against Action

Twenty-one Nations Sign Note; Graf Spee's Crew Interned in Argentina

Buenos Aires, Dec. 18.

A joint Note addressed by 21 American countries to the belligerents, protesting against the violation of the Neutrality Zone during the battle off Rio de la Plata, would be published today, declared Senior J. M. Cantilo, Argentine Foreign Minister.

The Note, drafted by Senor Cantilo and approved by the other States, declares in strong terms that the battle has caused dissatisfaction to the American countries, and sets forth that the declarations are intended to prevent a repetition of such occurrences.—Reuter.

Argentina to Intern Crew

Argentina has decided to intern the officers and men from the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, which was scuttled off the Rio de la Plata estuary in Uruguay on Sunday, after their arrival here yesterday aboard two tugs, a barge and a launch.

It was understood the men would be interned on the Martin Garcia Immigration Island, but the officers would be allowed to live in Buenos Aires on parole.

The Foreign Office announced that the internment of the men would be in accordance with article 15 of the Hague Convention.

The crew of the Graf Spee reached Buenos Aires after a 24 hour from the mouth of the Rio de la Plata where the Graf Spee exploded.

The Foreign Minister and foreign experts were studying the legal aspects of the case in relation to the Hague convention in an effort to determine the status of the Captain of the Graf Spee, Capt. Hans Langsdorff.

The Captain told the United Press, "I am satisfied. I saved all my men." When the United Press correspondent asked if there was anything else he would like to say, Captain Langsdorff said, "I have nothing else to say. I am an old man. I have had no rest since last night. Please be nice and don't bother me."—United Press.

Officers Preferred to Fight

Montevideo, Dec. 19.

An incident occurred aboard the Graf Spee when the Commander, Capt. Langsdorf, announced his decision to scuttle the ship, it is reliably learned today.

Several officers are reported to have replied, in the presence of the men, that such an action would be shameful, and that they preferred to sail out and fight even if it meant certain death.

A communique issued by the Foreign Ministry reveals that the German Minister had requested 15 days to repair the battleship.

The Foreign Ministry then appointed a committee of experts, who fixed the final time limit.—Reuter.

Uruguay Refutes German Note

Montevideo, Dec. 18.

Referring to the German Note to Uruguay claiming that the Neutrality law had not properly been applied in the case of the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee, the Foreign Minister, Senor A. Guani, said today he was convinced that his Ministry had scrupulously observed the principles of neutrality and international law.

He was prepared to publish a report showing that the procedure followed was correct and even applied in the most liberal sense.—Reuter.

Bewilderment in Germany

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.

Flags are flying at half-mast over the Wilhelmstrasse for the loss of the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

According to dispatches from Berlin, news of the scuttling of the warship caused bewilderment in Germany, for nobody knows the reasons.

Only an eight-line announcement appeared in papers this morning and people wondered what had happened, as they had been led to expect the Admiral Graf Spee would at least put up a fight.

One of the arguments advanced in political circles against internment is that two of the Graf Spee's sister ships are still in action, so it would be very undesirable to expose her to prying eyes in a neutral harbour.

Some German quarters adopt the attitude that anyway it is not battleships but submarines and small vessels that are important in this war.

A number of morning newspapers were overtaken by events and still published articles scoffing at the British attempt to turn the fight into a victory.

No papers hinted that the aircraft carrier Ark Royal was waiting off South America, as officially the Ark Royal is at the bottom of the sea as far as Germany is concerned.

Indignation is expressed against Uruguay who, it is alleged, acted under British pressure when a time limit was set for the Graf Spee's stay in port.—Reuter.

"Honour of German Seamanship"

Berlin, Dec. 19.

According to the German News Agency, opinion in Berlin political circles is that "the honour of German seamanship stands too high to make it necessary to defend it against the insults of the British press." This comment follows reports and editorial opinion in Britain on the Graf Spee episode.

Commenting on the career of the pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee, the agency states her task was to

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Chinese Recapture Important Pass Near Nanning

Heavy Losses Claimed to Have Been Inflicted On Japanese; Chungking Gets Air Raid Scare

Chungking, Dec. 19.

CHINESE forces launched an attack in the Nanning area on Sunday, it is officially revealed here today. After the occupation of strategic heights in the vicinity of Kunlunkwan, an important pass on the highway to Nanning south-west of Pingyang, during the night, Chinese forces continued to advance yesterday morning along the highway towards Nanning, it is claimed.

The Chinese advance, according to official circles here, was preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment, after which Chinese infantry stormed Japanese positions while the Chinese wings carried out flanking movements.

"Despite intense Japanese aerial activity—bombing and machine-gunning—Chinese forces captured the important Kunlunkwan pass and also Patang, a village south of the pass," Chinese circles claim.

A high Chinese commander is said to be personally directing operations at the front. Chinese dispatches reporting the engagement claim that heavy casualties were inflicted on the Japanese while large quantities of Japanese arms and ammunition were also captured.

Chungking's Air Raid Alarm

The populace was kept within dugouts for over an hour and a half today when a large number of Japanese aircraft raided different cities in Szechuen. Chinese anti-aircraft guns here opened fire and Chinese pursuit 'planes engaged the raiders in a brief combat as part of the Japanese squadron passed above Chungking on the way back down-river.

The alarm was sounded here at 10 o'clock this morning when 62 Japanese bombers were sighted heading up-river, entering Szechuen. A heavy fog then rendered visibility extremely poor and many people here believed that the Japanese aircraft would be unable to reach the city.

There was a rush for shelter half an hour later, however, when the urgent alarm sounded as the raiders were sighted over Nanchwan, a town situated south-west of Chungking. The raiders, however, continued their flight to the west.

An unconfirmed report states that the Japanese aircraft bombed Suchow, in south-west Szechuen, and also Tzeliutsing, famous salt wells. Part of the Japanese squadron also bombed Liangshan, north east of Chungking.

The fog lifted by noon, when a bright sun came out. Thirty-four Japanese bombers were sighted passing over Chungking, drawing anti-aircraft fire. Chinese pursuit 'planes cruising above the city also engaged the raiders, which quickly left, flying down-river without bombing Chungking.—Reuter.

Chinese Airfield Bombed

Japanese naval aircraft on Monday, braving bad weather which had continued for the past 10 days in the interior of China, raided Liangshan in eastern Szechuen province, and Laifeng in south-western Hupeh province, according to a communiqué issued by the Japanese China Seas Fleet command yesterday.

Repulsing five Chinese planes which came challenging and braving anti-aircraft fire, a Japanese squadron raided the Liangshan aerodrome, the communiqué said.

Another Japanese naval air unit bombed the Laifeng aerodrome and neighbouring military establishments, and set fire to six large military buildings, added the communiqué.

All Japanese planes returned to their bases safely, the communiqué said.

Troops Machine-gunned

A Japanese Army Air Base, Dec. 19.

Japanese army planes raided Shayangchen in central Hupeh on Monday and dispersed troop concentrations south of the town.

Chinese troops 10 kilometres north-east of Anking in south-western Anhwei province were machine-gunned.—Domei.

Japanese Success in Shansi

Taiyuan, Dec. 19.

All Chinese positions from the heights of Nanmashan to Shangwutsan in Shansi province were captured on Sunday by Japanese forces breaking up a concentration of Chinese troops, believed to have been massed for the purpose of launching a "winter offensive."

After crushing Chinese troops in the vicinity of Chiaokiawan, three Japanese detachments on Sunday morning drove on southward and attacked Chinese troops in the area of Nanmatsun.

On Saturday night another Japanese detachment routed Chinese troops in the vicinity of Sungkiashan, while another Japanese ground unit was moving into Chientungtsun.

After routing Chinese soldiers from hilly regions on Friday, Japanese troops cut off their retreat and began running down the scattered forces.—Domei.

Chinese H.Q. Raided

Sienning, Dec. 19.

A surprise raid was made on the headquarters of the Chinese 197th Division, four kilometres south of Hengshihtan, south-east of Tungshan, in south-eastern Hupeh province, on Saturday night. Routing the Chinese, the Japanese forces found arms, ammunition and documents at the headquarters.—Domei.

Advance on Han River

Yingcheng, Dec. 19.

A Japanese detachment at dawn yesterday launched a drive in the area of the Han River in Hupeh and at noon reached a point north of Changling, a strategic base at the western foot of the Tahsing Mountains 30 kilometres north of Anlu.

Up to Sunday night the Chinese left 800 dead in this sector. The Japanese captured 20 machine guns.

Another Japanese detachment on Monday morning defeated several thousand troops at Kiukowchen, south of Anlu. The Chinese lost 370 slain.—Domei.

Naval Bombers Active

Co-operating with Japanese army forces engaged in mopping up operations against Chinese troop remnants along the Yangtze River below Hukow, at the mouth of Poyang Lake, naval aircraft on Monday bombed and machine-gunned several Chinese concentration points near Kankangling, the Japanese China Seas Fleet announced in a communique issued yesterday afternoon.

The naval air force also extended co-operation to army forces operating in Kwangsi by destroying through bombardment Chinese positions near Szelo near the south-western extremity of the province on Sunday, the announcement claimed.

Operating along the Min River in Fukien on an observation and bombing mission, naval aircraft on Sunday also attacked Chinese positions near Chinpaimen and Meihwa, the communiqué added.

Christmas at the A.W.C.

Children's Carols and A Fantasy

The spirit of Christmas invaded the American Women's Club yesterday evening when a large and enthusiastic audience of grown-ups and children gathered to listen to carols, music and a Christmas play. It was a most attractive evening—the club looked like fairyland, with two big trees sparkling with tinsel and stars, and crowds of children, who took precedence of their elders at a glorious tea.

Carols sung by children have a special charm, and the audience took the small singers to their hearts. Folk carols, directed by Miss Cornelia Richardson, were given by the Elementary Grades of the Shanghai American School, while the ancient Chinese carols, sung by the School Chorus of the Grace Yang School, directed by Miss Myra Bancroft Olive, were something very much out of the common. The instrumental quintette composed of Mesdames D. Rugh and M. P. Walker and the Misses Ellen and Mabel Jansen and J. Kliene played admirably and received due marks of appreciation. The musical part of the programme closed with the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful" by the audience and performers combined.

Full marks must go to the Christmas Fantasy directed by Miss Dallas Lee Franklin, "The Columbine Madonna," of which the cast follows:

Columbine .....Helen Rahaus
Pierrot .....Elizabeth Ferguson
Harlequin .....Lois Hendry
Partaloon .....Blanche Hwang
Scaramouche .....Elsa Logan

It was a very lovely little fantasy, played with spirit and charm, and made an ideal ending to a real Christmas entertainment. There is nothing like starting the season well, and Bubbling Well rang with cheerful voices as an extremely satisfied audience streamed out, well fortified against the strenuous days ahead.

German Ship Attacked By Soviet Sub

Stockholm, Dec. 19.

The German freighter Pinnau, registered in Stettin, was attacked by a Soviet submarine in the Gulf of Bothnia yesterday. The submarine fired 57 shots at the freighter but without results. The German ship was flying the Swastika flag when attacked.—Havas.

Mysterious Kidnapping Case in Concession

Name of Victim Unknown; Car Number Only Clue

One of the most mysterious kidnapping cases in months came to the notice of the French Concession police shortly before 9 p.m. last night when they were informed that a number of men drove up to a straw-hut off Route Magning between 8.30 and 8.45 p.m. and forced a man staying in the hut, to follow them to their car which subsequently left at high speed.

Beyond the licence number of the car, which was given as 9173, the police have no clue, as persons living in the vicinity of the straw hut in question deny knowing the man who was forcibly taken away.

Robbers Sentenced to Long Prison Terms

Prison terms ranging from three years to seven years were meted out yesterday by the First Special District Court to six robbers who have victimized numerous persons living in the western district. The leader of the gang, Wu Ching-pao, drew seven years, while his chief accomplices, Tang Liu-ting and Pih Tze-deh, were sentenced to six and five years' imprisonment respectively. Wang Kwan-san drew three years and six months while Hsu Yung-sen and Wang Shih-hai were sentenced to three years and four years respectively.

Chi Fu-kong, a robber suspect who was arrested by the Pootoo Road police on Monday night after a chase was brought before the tribunal yesterday on a writ of detention pending the arrest of his three accomplices. They were alleged to have staged a hold-up in a Chinese iron workshop at 3194 Robison Road on Monday night. Before they could lay their hands on anything valuable, an alarm was raised and the police came in time to prevent them from doing their job.

Clipper Movements

Manila, Dec. 19.

The China Clipper hopped off for Hongkong this morning and will return to Manila tomorrow, leaving for the United States Thursday. Air mail closes tomorrow at 7 p.m. The China Clipper arrives in San Francisco on December 26, Manila Time. The Honolulu Clipper is to arrive here December 21 and will leave for Hongkong December 22. The Philippines Clipper will arrive in Manila December 25, leaving the following day for Hongkong, while the California Clipper will arrive here January 1 and leave for Hongkong January 2.—United Press.

British Warships Wait For German Liner

New York, Dec. 19.

According to the "Miami Herald," British destroyers are waiting in the Gulf of Florida to intercept the crack German liner Columbus (32,000 tons) which sailed on Thursday from Vera Cruz for an unknown destination.—Reuter.

King Visits Plymouth Naval Command

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 18.

The King this afternoon paid a surprise visit to the Naval Command at Plymouth, spending many hours inspecting the naval establishments, barracks and hospitals. He talked to scores of officers, petty-officers and men, including those of the recently-organized minesweeping and anti-submarine trawler fleet. The King also inspected a parade of 2,000 officers and men of the garrison, including several fishermen from Newfoundland, for whom he had a special word of greeting.—Reuter.

Minister of Finance of Bengal Resigns

Legislature Supports Full Backing in War

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Calcutta, Dec. 19.

Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar, Finance Minister of the Bengal Government, resigned today after abstaining from voting on the resolution passed by the Bengal Legislative Assembly assuring full co-operation in the prosecution of war.

The resolution, which was passed by 82 votes to 42, also urged the granting of Dominion status to India immediately after the end of the war and the framing of a new constitution providing effective safeguards for minorities.

Mr. Sarkar explained his abstention by saying he could not acquiesce in investing minorities with power, "vetoing all political advancement."

The Government Coalition Party subsequently passed a vote of no confidence in Mr. Sarkar "in view of his total disregard for an unanimous party decision."—Reuter.

Japanese Party Chiefs In Peiping

End of China War Wanted, They Declare

Peiping, Dec. 19.

High Japanese officials and prominent members of the "Reformed Government," it is understood, have been interviewed by three leaders of the Japanese Seiyukai party—Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, and Mr. Kiroku Oguchi—since the Japanese politicians arrived from Changchun last Friday.

According to Chinese reports the question of obtaining peace in China was discussed.

Mr. Kuhara is said to have declared: "The sacrifices of the present 'incident' must not be allowed to continue—they will not only be harmful to China, but also to Japan."

The Japanese party leaders left this morning for Tientsin.—Reuter.

Shanghai's Newest Night-Club Opens

Brer Fox Filled to Capacity Last Night

With its entertainers dressed in red hunting coats the Brer Fox, Shanghai's newest night-club on the eighth floor of the Cathay Hotel, opened last night, the premises being filled to capacity.

Decorations are of the usual beauti- Cathay standard and entertainment was found to be excellent by the many patrons. The Brer Fox bids fair to become one of Shanghai's most popular night-clubs during the coming holidays and the management is to be congratulated on the beauty of all appointments.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Budyard Kipling

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 19.

Mrs Caroline Rudyard Kipling, wife of the famous British poet, died today. The former Miss Caroline Starr Balestier, of Vermont, U.S.A., she married the late Rudyard Kipling in 1892.

They had one son who was killed in action in the Great War when he was scarcely nineteen.—Reuter.

Tientsin-Pukow Railway Reported Closed

Peiping, Dec. 19.

The Tientsin-Pukow Railway is reported to be closed to traffic today. The reason for suspension of traffic is hitherto not known.—Reuter.

Mrs. A. W. Burkill Dies in London

London, Dec. 19.

Mrs. A. W. Burkill of Shanghai died here yesterday.—Reuter.

Graf Spee's End Contrasted With Deeds of Heroism

Battle of Coronel Recalled by British Press; Various Theories in Paris Journals

London, Dec. 19.

THE scuttling of the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee constitutes an ignominious departure from the tradition of all navies, says a special commentary issued here today.

This tradition, it is stated, is exemplified by the famous fight of Sir Richard Grenville, commander of the Revenge, who fought 53 Spanish ships single-handed off Flores, in the Azores, in 1591.

Another example, the commentary continues, is the action of Rear-Admiral Cradock who faced almost certain destruction at the hands of a superior German fleet in the Battle of Coronel on November 1, 1914.

Finally, there is the episode of the Spanish Republican destroyer Jose Luis Diaz. This vessel after undergoing repairs at Gibraltar in the Spanish Civil War, came out and faced a powerful force of the Nationalist Navy.

Scuttling of the Graf Spee, the special commentary asserts, indicates not only a lack of will to fight, but absence of confidence in a final victory when the vessel, if interned, would have been restored.—Reuter.

Paris Newspapers Scornful

Paris, Dec. 19.

That the action of the commander of the German raider Admiral Graf Spee in scuttling his ship was anything but noble is the unanimous opinion of the morning newspapers here, which had nothing but scorn for the end chosen by Captain Langsdorf.

"To all the sailors of the world it is better to sink with flag high than to sink by their own hand," was the comment of the "Petit Parisian,"

which added that the Admiral Graf Spee was certainly not in accord with the boasts of German propaganda.

"l'Epoque," another Parisian paper, stated that "the German navy will not have to mourn for the Admiral Graf Spee, but will remain forever shamed by her failure in keeping its tradition."

Not a Glorious Page

A widespread theory was voiced by "Le Matin" in its statement: "If Hitler had believed that there was one chance remaining him of winning the war, he would have left the Graf Spee to be interned. It is not a glorious page that Captain Langsdorf has just written in the German navy's book."

"Le Populaire," in it's editorial, declared that "Langsdorf, did not engage in a fight because the crew of the Admiral Graf Spee was demoralized and would fight no longer."

"The end of the Admiral Graf Spee marks for the Reich a new big disappointment in their methods of warfare," Madame Genevieve Tabouis, one of France's most astute and widely-known commentators, declared in the newspaper, 'L'Oeuvre."—Havas.

American Protest Against Actiou

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attack ocean trade routes and avoid hostile warships.—Reuter.

Americas Forming Policy

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday at his press conference said that consultation between American Governments was under way at Montevideo, aiming at a uniform policy to deal with belligerent warships seeking haven in western hemispheric waters and ports.

He predicted that there would be a harmonious out-come on the viewpoints of the Governments concerned.—United Press.

Spectators Cheer

Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.

Captain Langsdorf, visibly weary and tired, personally supervised the landing of his crew and barked orders as 7,000 spectators jammed the small dock space and cheered the German sailors, the majority of whom appeared to be between 18 and 21 years of age.

The crew obeyed their Captain's orders with marked discipline and chatted with each other when at ease. All showed the effects of the harrowing experiences of the past few days, their uniforms were ruined and they all were unkempt and haggard.

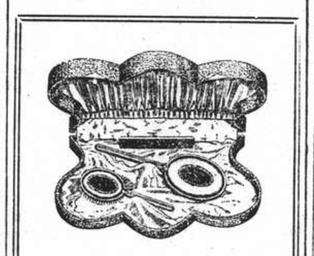
At present 750 members of the Graf Spee's crew are detained at a hotel for immigrants. Two hundred and fifty of them, including Captain Langsdorf, are interned at an arsenal adjoining the hotel.

With the four crew members who were arrested aboard the German supply ship Tacoma by Uruguayan authcrities, all of the members of the Graf Spee's famous crew are accounted for.

Apparently the Uruguayan officials contend, although the explosion occurred just outside Uruguay's territorial waters, it was set off from a launch within Uruguay's jurisdiction and, hence, are conducting an investigation, reports reaching here indicated.—United Press.

Public Health Dept. Children's Party

Yesterday was a happy day for children of members of the staff of the S.M.C. Public Health Dept. Circle, for they were entertained by Father Christmas and others at a jolly party which was held in the S.V.C. Drill Hall. The role of Father Christmas, who officiated at a decorated tree, was played by Mr. E. R. Robbins, who is at present on a visit to his son, Mr. E. D. Robbins of the P.H.D., from his home in Canada. Tea was provided for the children and parents and there were many games, including musical chairs, spoon and potato races and



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Pope to Make Christmas Peace Appeal

Rome, Dec. 19.

High Vatican circles, after announcing that Pope Pius will make a speech on Christmas Eve, disclosed that the Holy See will make a special Christmas peace appeal.—United Press.

Serious Defeat Suffered By Invading Soviet Troops

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ent of the Swedish newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" he was convinced that Russian tanks had carried out an attack by way of Norwegian territory, during the Salmijaervi operations.

It is learned, however, that the Norwegian General Staff at Oslo has denied there was any violation of Norwegian territory by Soviet forces.

General Wallenius, in his statement, alleged that Finnish machine-gunners, stationed on a road bordering the front, were suddenly attacked on the flank. It was impossible, he declared, that Russian tanks making this move could have avoided traversing Norwegian soil.—Reuter.

Moscow Claims

Moscow, Dec. 19.

Soviet troops have taken the village Pitajaervi, 80 kilometres south of Petsamo, an official Tass communiqué issued today reported.

In other regions, the report went on, there were some small skirmishes between scouting patrols, and on the Karelian Isthmus there has been intense artillery action.

Soviet fighting planes have scouted over a number of regions, while units of the Baltic fleet have bombarded Finnish coastal batteries at Bjorkoe.—Havas.

Finnish Minister Returns

Helsinki, Dec. 19.

After an eventful roundabout journey through Latvia, Germany and Sweden, Baron Yrjo-Yoskinnen, Finnish Minister to Soviet Russia returned here today from Moscow. He declared that he was not aware of the reasons for which he was prevented from leaving Moscow for seven days after hostilities had broken out between the two countries.—Havas.

Ogpu Officer Touring Front

London, Dec. 19.

The Chief Political Commissar and the chief of the Ogpu (Russian Secret State Police) have left Moscow for the Finnish front to investigate recent cases of disaffection among Russian troops, according to the French wireless.

The Kremlin is said to be very dissatisfied with the conduct of the Finnish campaign, and it is expected that severe measures will be taken against Russian commanders at the front.—Reuter.

Planes from U.S.

New York, Dec. 19.

Forty-four machines out of an order for 54 warplanes originally placed with the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation for the United States Navy, will be sent to Finland instead, it is learned here. The Navy's order will be completed later.—Reuter.

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Liquidation of British Shares in U.S.

Washington Will Not Aid To Stop Dumping

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Roosevelt Administration has rejected a proposal to use American Government capital to assist the British Government in its control over the liquidation of British-owned American securities, authoritative sources disclosed last night.

Following a series of conferences last spring when high Government officials anticipated the European war, it was disclosed, the Government took measures to make the nation's economy proof against shock.

It was decided, however, that it would be against public policy to make a Government loan to the British Government or a private British corporation to enable them to buy American securities held abroad so as to prevent dumping.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, it was also disclosed, considered a plan last spring whereby he hoped to avert war through an agreement among the peace-seeking nations to withhold war materials from aggressor nations. The plan later was abandoned as being impracticable.—United Press.

Mr. Chamberlain Calls On French Premier

Paris, Dec. 19.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who is on a visit to the British Expeditionary Force, today visited the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, at the War Ministry.—Reuter.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. and MRS. A. C. Cornish and daughter arrived yesterday in the ss. President Cleveland.

A "JOHNNIE Walker" calendar for 1940 has been received from the local representatives Messrs. Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd.

THE winning tickets of the two raffles drawn at the British Women's Association yesterday were, Doll's House, 169; Groceries 1st 61 and 2nd 87.

ROTARIANS are reminded that this week's meeting is to mark the beginning of the Christmas festivities for the Rotary Club, and that Thursday, will be a Ladies' Day. The meeting will begin promptly at 12.15 p.m.

FIGUEIREDO's School of Shorthand and Typewriting begins its new term on January 4. This school has consistently maintained its high standard and, by its integrity, has gained much popularity in the realm of education. Enrolment is now in progress.

MEMBER banks of the Shanghai Chinese Bankers Association and Native Bankers Association have decided to suspend business on December 25, the 24th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising which was headed by General Tsai Ngo against General Yuan Shih-kai, says the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE resignation of General Chang Hui-chang, magistrate of the "Chungshan Model District" and known as the "Lindbergh of China," has been accepted by General Li Han-hwen, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, says a Hongkong Chinese message to the "National Herald." General Wu Fei has been appointed his successor.

IDENTICAL wires urging that China should make strong representations to the Peruvian Government regarding its abrogation of the Sino-Peruvian Emigration Pact on December 3, were sent by the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce to the Executive Yuan of the Chinese National Government and the Chinese Minister to Peru, Mr. Li Chun, on December 7, says a belated Chinese report to the "Sin Wan Pao."

THE raising of the submarine Thetis was described by Mr. G. R. Critchley, general manager of the Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Assn., as one of the most remarkable salvage feats ever undertaken. He said it was an example of combined lifting and compressed air work. The ship Zelo, he explained, was specially fitted with steel girders placed athwartships, and was used as the lifting vessel, the submarine being slung underneath her with strong wires. During the second lift the submarine was pinned for three hours against a sandbank but after tugs had hung on to her during the rising tide, she cleared the bank. After ten lifts the submarine was got into shallow water. Compressed air was pumped by the salvage boats into the hull, which was made watertight by divers. When the submarine was brought under complete control she refloated and was towed well inshore.

DR. and MRS. J. M. Henry arrived yesterday from Hongkong in the ss. President Cleveland.

MEMBERS of the joint committee of Shanghai Women's Organizations are reminded of their meeting today at the American Women's Club, at 4.15 p.m.

MR. Karl B. Hill who has been ill recently at the Country Hospital is making good progress. His friends will be glad to know that he hopes to leave hospital before Christmas.

BY order of the Chinese National Government, Mr. Shao Mien-cheng, a Chinese expert on co-operatives, has been appointed Director of the Control Bureau of the Department of Co-operatives of the Ministry of Industries, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao."

IN addition to the numbers of raffle tickets drawn at the Knatty Knitters' Klub Bazaar published in this column yesterday, the following are the lucky numbers drawn for the "Tea prizes," adults 209, children 49. The "Sweet guessing" competition was won by 144.

As a further step in the opium suppression work, the Kwangtung Provincial Government has ordered the complete eradication of the opium evil in the districts of Yingtak, Tsingyuan, Fukang, Jenhua, Lochang, Lienshan, and Yangshan by the end of March, 1940, says a Shaokwan Chinese message to the "Shun Pao."

MR. F. J. Hookham, B.Sc., M. Inst. C.E., A.M.I. Mech. E., has accepted the invitation of the Shanghai Municipal Council to serve on the Health Committee during the remainder of the current municipal year, in succession to Mr. J. McNeill who has resigned on account of pressure of business. The Council's thanks have been tendered to Mr. McNeill for his services.

THE special Christmas programme for the eleventh Sunday symphony concert to be given in the Lyceum Theatre, on December 24, at 5.15 p.m. is as follow:—

Concerto Grosso written for the Christmas Night .....Corelli
for Two Violins and Cello Soli with Stringed Orchestra and Organ.
(a) Vivace. Grave. Allegro: (b) Adagio. Allegro. Adagio: (c) Vivace; (d) Allegro; (e) Pastorale. Largo.
Four Symphonic Sketches "Vetrate di Chiesa" .....Respighi
(Church Stained Glass Windows)
La fuga in Egitto (The Flight to Egypt)
Archangel
S. Michele Arcangelo (St. Michael
Il Mattutino di Santa Chiara (The Matins of Santa Chiara)
S. Gregorio Magno
Excepts from "Messiah" .....Haendel
Overture (Orchestra)
Tenor's Aria "Every Valley"
Ernst Krassi
Sopranfis Aria "Rejoice, rejoice greatly"
Lisa Robitchek
Pastoral Symphony (Orchestra)
Altos Aria "He was despised and rejected"
Bella Resek
Bass' Aria "Thou are gone up on high"
Max Warschauer
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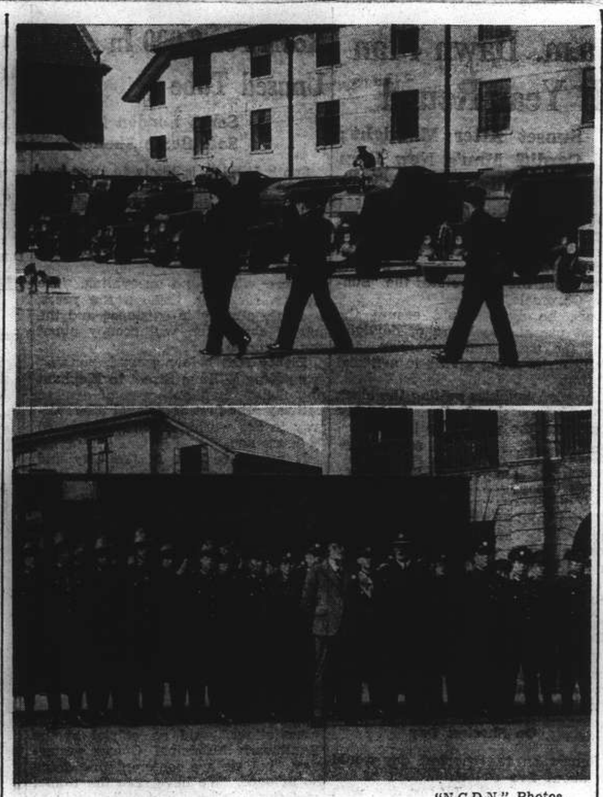

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Shanghai's Trouble-Fighters Parade

For the first time in many months, the entire complement of the Reserve Unit, S.M.P. paraded in full in the Gordon Road police station compound yesterday morning. In the top picture, Capt. J. D. M. Shotter, who built Shanghai's first riot-van in 1926, is seen standing with Asst.-Comm. W. E. Fairbairn, originator of the Unit, in front of the original members of the Reserve Unit who have been serving since its inception 13 years ago. Behind the group, the old van which is still in use, though for less tedious duties, may be seen. The bottom picture shows the line-up of the S.M.P.'s weapon against disturbers of the peace. It has the outstanding record of having never encountered a defeat the the hands of mobs which it is its duty to disperse.

Economic Resistance Movement

Chungking Plans New Move Against Japan

Commencing New Year's Day of the next year, Chungking will lead a nation-wide "economic resistance movement" against Japan chiefly aiming at preventing Japanese goods made in occupied areas from flowing into the interior, and forbidding Chinese merchants to send Chinese goods to Japan that may be made use of by the Japanese military.

According to Chinese reports, the Chinese authorities are perturbed by the efforts made by the Japanese in pushing the sale of Japanese goods in occupied areas to make good the losses sustained as a result of the war and also in smuggling Japanese goods into areas under Chungking's control. The Ministry of Economics has been ordered to devise effective measures against this economic penetration.

To make the masses understand the situation thoroughly so that an economic resistance war may be started, the Chinese Government has seen fit to launch a nation-wide publicity campaign commencing the next year. All provincial and district authorities and public bodies will be mobilized in the new movement.

It is recalled that in October of last year the Chinese Government enforced a set of regulations strictly prohibiting Chinese merchants to send goods to the Japanese, especially those goods which may help the "enemy" in increasing their fighting strength. Those who violate the rule will be sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

It has been found out by Chinese authorities, however, that some traitorous merchants have been smuggling goods to the Japanese in or near occupied districts and in districts near the coast. Orders have been issued to Customs and provincial authorities requiring them to maintain a strict watch so as to bring those merchants to justice.

S.M.C. Reserve Unit On Parade

Entire Complement Able to Turn Out at Gordon Road Station for First Time

For the first time in many a moon, the entire complement of foreign, Sikh and Chinese members of the Reserve Unit, S.M.P., complete with drum and fife band paraded in the compound of Gordon Road Police Station at 11.30 a.m. yesterday when Assistant-Commissioner W. E. Fairbairn, who called this branch of the Police Force into being some 13 years ago, attended together with Capt. J. D. E. Shotter of the China General Omnibus Co., who was the engineer responsible for the construction of the first riot van in Shanghai in November, 1926.

It is indeed rare that all four units of the branch are in barracks at the same time and a "North-China Daily News" reporter was able to admire the two newest vans added to the imposing number of vans already incorporated in the Reserve Unit.

The original riot van, though 13 years old, seemed practically as good as new and that is telling a lot because there can be no doubt in that this particular vehicle has probably a greater mileage to its credit than any other motor-vehicle at present being used by the S.M.P.

At the sound of a siren signal, the 200 odd men appeared, seemingly from nowhere and under orders from Superintendent A. H. Chamberlain, officer in charge of the Unit, the four squads fell into line in less than no time.

There was nothing spectacular about the turn-out—merely gleaming faces at the thought that the entire complement of the Reserve Unit had for once managed to be on the parade ground at one and the same time. Less than 20 minutes after the siren signal, members of the unit were back in their quarters again, ready to turn out to any disturbance within the International Settlement at a minute's notice.

Durhams Leaving North China for Hongkong

East Surreys Take Over Legation Guard

Peiping, Dec. 19.

The Durham Light Infantry detachment which has been carrying out the duty of British Embassy Guard, left by train last night en route for Hongkong, leaving one platoon of the East Surrey Regiment, comprising about 35 men under two officers, to take over their duties. Their destination after Hongkong is not disclosed.

The Durhams, who are being withdrawn in accordance with the British Government's decision to reduce the North China garrison, marched in full kit, wearing fur caps and heavy greatcoats on account of the cold, through the streets of the Legation Quarter to the station.

Among those who saw the Durhams off were a number of foreign diplomatic officials and military officers. —Reuter.

Malaria Continues Inroads on Shanghai's Health

November Conditions Normal Otherwise ; Record Figures Established in Meat Market and Cold Storage

WITH the commoner notifiable diseases exhibiting a normal seasonal trend, there is little of note to report for the month of November. Malaria showed a slight decline, but the figures are still very much higher than in recent years, furthermore the proportion of malignant tertian cases, which were rarely found in Shanghai ten years ago, is such that one must assume that this more serious variety of malaria has definitely established itself. Fortunately, it is no less amenable to treatment than the less dangerous forms, and is definitely less liable to become chronic, states the monthly report of the Commissioner of Public Health.

As mentioned in previous reports, the malarial mosquito problem will probably only be solved entirely when the inhabited areas are extended widely and certain of the adjoining country areas are absorbed in the process. The oiling of the creeks from which mosquitoes could reach Shanghai would be an operation too vast for the resources of this Town.

Foreign Births.—109 foreign births were recorded of which 99 were residents (55 males and 44 females) and the birth rate was 29.89 per mille. 73 of the resident births were Japanese. Chinese Births.—1812 Chinese births were recorded of which 1,643 were residents (865 males and 778 females).

Foreign Deaths.—There were 90 deaths amongst the resident foreign community, of which 20 were German Jewish Refugees and 49 non-Chinese Asiatics (35 Japanese and 14 Indians). The death rate was 27.17 per mille, and the major causes of death were typhoid fever, tuberculosis, pneumonia, cancer and congenital debility. Chinese Deaths.—Chinese deaths recorded were 2,476, of which 1,420 were exposed corpses. 339 deaths were due to communicable diseases, and the major causes of death were tuberculosis, typhoid fever, bronchitis and accidental deaths.

Cholera was declared to be no longer epidemic in Shanghai at the beginning of the month. There were two resident cases notified amongst Chinese, both were of no fixed abode. The last case was confirmed on the 15th. Smallpox was entirely absent, but typhoid-paratyphoid fevers remained present in epidemic form, showing no inclination to subside. Of 181 cases notified, only eight had been inoculated within the past two years.

Food Division

Business in all the markets remained steady during the month with a slight shortage of fresh fish for some days. Prices fluctuated with a tendency to rise, especially so with first quality meat, which was not plentiful. Early morning routine inspections lead to numerous seizures of unwrapped bread. Examination, at irregular intervals, of weights and measures resulted in many prosecutions, incorrect scales being confiscated by order of the Court. 117 samples were taken for bacteriological examination of which 25 were found to be below standard. 64 samples were taken for chemical analysis and testing for weight. In this connection it is advisable for purchasers to check wrapped foodstuffs and ensure that the nett weight is clearly stated on the packet.

The average daily milk production was 33,645 lb., and cream 295 lb. Of 47 samples for Chemical analysis, two (unlicensed) were adulterated with water, whilst one (also unlicensed) was deficient in fat. Of 60 samples of bacteriological examination, nine were below standard (three unlicensed). For selling milk injurious to public health, one unlicensed dairy was prosecuted, and for selling milk obtained from unlicensed dairies, nine shop-owners also were prosecuted. 128 lb. of dairy produce was seized on account of unsatisfactory production methods.

Meat Supply

The enormously increased activities met with at the Abattoir last month continued on the same scale, a total of 14,648 animals being slaughtered. The meat market and cold storage once again registered record figures and it is of interest to note that 601,938 lb. of pork were packed and frozen for export. At the two private pig slaughterhouses 40,749 pigs were slaughtered as against 41,328 during the previous month.

Import Inspection.—114 pigs (mortality-nil) were landed on the Bund as against 806 for October and 48,957 for November 1938. Also, 592 oxen, 87 buffaloes and 1,443 goats and sheep were imported by this route. In addition, 93,505 pigs; 2,452 oxen; 4,616 buffaloes; 3,337 goats and 2,892 sheep were brought in by boat and train.

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Viscount Halifax, Statesman

Scholarships and Religion Give Him Balanced Sense of Proportion and Serenity of Judgment

By W. N. Ewer

MAYBE it is largely the cartoonists' fault—they have found the implications of that long jowl and deep set eyes irresistible. And they have made of Edward, Viscount Halifax, a Dismal Desmond among statesmen. Roughly that seems to be what the world thinks him. Pious and lugubrious, High Churchman, High Tory, austere, aloof, aristocratic. But above all lugubrious. Never was a legend farther from the truth.

For the truth is that, next to his deep sense of religion, Halifax' outstanding trait is his rich sense of humour. No British Statesman since Arthur Balfour has had that sane and saving quality in fuller measure.

Life, I think, for Halifax is a very serious business: but he finds its very seriousness faintly ridiculous; when seriousness becomes solemnity he is conscious of the absurdity that lies just behind. And he has an almost schoolboy sense of pure fun. This sense of humour springs from his whole philosophy, from his very religiousness.

George Wyndham once said of Balfour, "Arthur can never forget that there was once an ice age and that there will probably be another." Something of the same kind is true of Halifax.

Because of his religious conviction he has a certain sense of proportion, is apt to see things as it were against the background of eternity. Because of his early scholarship he is apt to see them against the background of history. Against either background the fretful activity of individual men looks a trifle ridiculous, a matter perhaps for tears, but also for smiles.

Looking at life so, he is very unimpressed by rank or power, by office or dignity. He has a touch of "God's scorn for all men governing." He is not proud of his own proud record of high office. He is singularly free from vanity or ambition and therefore from the haunting dread of failure which makes cowards of so many politicians.

Former Viceroy of India

He filled the most ceremonial office in the world—the Viceroyalty of India—with quiet dignity. But the Viceregal entourage always had a worrying suspicion that their master looked on all the pomp of Delhi as rather silly and rather boring, and was quietly laughing at it all.

They, and British Conservatism, were shocked when he invited Mr. Gandhi to the Viceregal Lodge and talked with him as man to man. They felt it inconsistent with the Viceroy's dignity that he should receive a "naked fakir," barelegged and clad in a single garment.

But the Viceroy had never felt that way at all. It never occurred to him for a moment that he could demean himself by talking with any of God's creatures, let alone a man of Gandhi's stature. It never occurred to him that it mattered particularly what sartorial fashion his visitors cared to adopt, and, after all, he is not very fussy himself about dress.

But "die-hard" Conservatism did not in those days attack the Viceroy just for receiving the Mahatma. It accused him of disloyalty to principles. He has had that charge made against him since, sometimes by the Right, sometimes by the Left. A cheap punster had the bright idea —Halifax, Holy Fox. It began to be put round that he was a supple politician masking sinister designs under a cloak of piety a sort of mixture of Mr. Chadband and a caricature Jesuit.

Never Violent Partisan

Largely that was a mixture of malevolence and ignorance. But partly it has come from sheer inability of violent partisans to understand a man who is never a violent partisan. Seeing things in that long perspective, against that double background, he does not feel—as most politicians do—vehemently about momentary issues.

And to many people that seems an indifference which must imply a lack of principle. They just cannot understand a man who has refused to be violently and obstinately anti-Fascist or anti-Bolshevik, and to fit all his thinking and all his action to what they regard as principles, but which to him seem rather prejudices. And, not understanding, they suspect the worst, and attribute wily intrigue to a man who is never wily and has never intrigued in his life. To anyone who knows him the myth of "Holy Fox" is as grotesque as the myth of the "Dismal Desmond."

Maybe with that too well proportioned mind of his, Halifax should never have become a politician. Maybe he should have been a scholar, a shrewd, detached observer of the tragi-comedy that is politics. Yet it has been a good thing that he did choose to enter the arena instead of watching. Apart from actual achievement (and his achievements have not been small) the steadying corrective effect of such a mind and such a temperament among those in high places is of incalculable value.

Heir to a Peerage

Why, though (the question asks itself) has a man of Halifax' temperament chosen the political life? The answer, I think, is the key to another side of his character. In the early 1900's Viscount Halifax was young Edward Wood. He had gone in accordance with tradition from Eton to Christchurch. He was of the "landed gentry." He was heir to a peerage. He was (despite a maimed and useless left hand) a sportsman, a keen follower of hounds.

But also he was a serious young man. He was a devout Christian. He was no mean scholar. After taking a first in history he had become a Fellow of All Souls, the blue ribbon of Oxford. He had written an admirable life of John Keble.

All his tastes, all his inclinations, seemed to lead in one of two directions. Either the life of a scholar in Oxford, or the life of a country gentleman in his beloved Yorkshire, on his estates, among his tenants. The two are not entirely incompatible.

One or both of these ways his personal desires must have pulled him. But there was a third pull, a family tradition of public service.

For National Service

His grandfather had been Chancellor of Exchequer—a Liberal, by the way, which is not entirely unimportant. His father, too, was a public servant, not of the State, but of the Church: its most devoted and distinguished layman for a century and more. There was a call of duty. Young Edward Wood went into politics, not from ambition, not as a career, but, as it were, enlisting for national service.

After the war he became an undersecretary, then President of the Board of Education, then Minister for Agriculture. He was making his mark. Not as a partisan or a political fighter or an orator. But he won a reputation for hard and conscientious work, for sound judgment, for intellectual integrity, for a readiness to take responsibility, for a wiseness beyond his years: "an old head on young shoulders."

When he was 45, Stanley Baldwin offered him the Viceroyalty of India. It was a hard decision. It meant leaving Yorkshire, leaving everything that was the very fibre of his life. It meant pomp and circumstance, which he loathes. It meant a responsibility before which any man might well hesitate, wondering if he could "fill the bill."

He did hesitate. It was, I believe, his father's judgment which decided. If the Prime Minister thought he was the best man for the job it was his duty to take it. He accepted. Edward Wood became Lord Irwin. He did the job. History will name him as perhaps the wisest Viceroy of the British Raj.

Master of Foxhound

He came back from India in 1931 hoping for the quiet and restful activities of Garrowby. He became "M.F.H."—Master of Foxhounds. It gave him, I think, a deeper satisfaction than all his splendid offices: for it was the fulfilment of the hopes of a schoolboy who had never even dreamed of the splendours of Delhi. When cares of state forced him to relinquish it it was a real sacrifice.

Rest was not for long. In 1932 he was called into the Cabinet. First as President of the Board of Education again, then as Secretary of State for War, then when Anthony Eden became Foreign Secretary, as Lord Privy Seal. It is a sinecure post. The intention was that he should devote himself to foreign affairs. The gossips had it that he was to be a check and a control on Eden. If there was any such idea it was disappointed.

The partnership between the two men was well nigh perfect. Halifax (he had succeeded to the Viscounty when his father died in 1934) was the senior in years and in service. Eden was the responsible Minister. The elder man never for a moment encroached on the younger one's authority or responsibility. The younger was at all critical moments —and they were many—glad of the elder's mature and serene judgment. For two other men the position might have been embarrassing. These two worked together in loyal unison and mutual understanding.

Eden resigned. Halifax took his place: not without some reluctance and searching of mind. He regretted the going of his friend. He had no ambition to take his place. But there was the job to be done.

No Refusal to Serve

Again it was a question of national service: and it was an article of faith with him that one must not refuse to serve, however much one might crave for other things than the hard work and responsibility of office.

That is how Edward Wood who wanted to be a scholar and a country gentleman has come to be first (as Lord Irwin) Viceroy of India: then (as Lord Halifax) Foreign Secretary. But fate has been kind. He has also been Master of the Middleton. He is also Chancellor of Oxford University.

And these, as I see him, are the outstanding qualities of the man. First, his deep religious faith. Second, his rich sense of humour and of the ultimate proportion of things: the two combining to give him a quiet serenity of judgment and a freedom from the littlenesses of politics. Third, his sense of service, springing from a passionate love of his own countryside and of everything which seems to him the essence of England and of English life.

He is of a type rare among politicians. Maybe it would be better for us all if it were not so rare.

Japan Watching Moves By Soviet

Relations Better on the Whole, Says Minister

Tokyo, Dec. 19.

Japan's relations with Russia were on the whole favourable since the truce at Nomonhan. However, the Foreign Office was carefully watching the Soviets' attitude, the Foreign Minister, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, explained at a conference of Government leaders and political party representatives yesterday.

He said steps were being taken to readjust relations with the United States. He pointed out that America's attitude toward Japan was not entirely hostile and expressed a belief that relations would improve.

Japan's relations with Great Britain, he said, were complicated at present. The Government was doing its best to improve the situation, he added.—Domei.

Moscow Denies Rumours Of Rioting

Moscow, Dec. 18.

"Rumours emanating, it is believed, from Stockholm and purporting to declare that disorders have broken out in Moscow are devoid of any foundation although apparently they have gained wide circulation abroad," it was stated here today.—Havas.

R.A.S.C. Mules Prove Worth

Where Motor Units Are Beaten; School for Mechanics

The old "Waggon Train" had a saying that "a horse can climb a hill, but a mule can climb a house." Though the Royal Army Service Corps of today is almost completely mechanized it still retains its belief in the old adage, and has extended it with "Either can go where mechanical transport can't" states "The Times." This faith in four sure feet was proved to be thoroughly justified by a demonstration exercise in which an Animal Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps, took loads of about 140lb. up and down hills with gradients approaching one in three. Most of the men engaged had been in the Reserve for periods of eight to 15 years.

The speed of an animal transport company is not impressive according to modern standards, for it is no more than five miles an hour on the road and slows down to 3½ to four miles an hour over rough ground, but in country such as was being worked over it most certainly demonstrated its worth. Bren carriers and other motor-vehicles were being exercised at high speed over quite rough ground as the R.A.S.C. animals came on the scene, but it was noteworthy that they kept well away from the steep gorse and heather covered hills and dales by which the transport company approached the really steep hill selected for its demonstration.

Men as Brakes

The animals and wagons were offloaded in positions where natural cover—trees and deep ravines—required very little help from artificial camouflage to give complete concealment from the air. They were then reloaded under "gas" conditions. The loads consisted of rations, petrol, barbed wire, clothing, and ammunition—in fact, a fair sample of the supplies that would be transported in the field. The general idea was that the wagons would take a share of the loads as far as they could go, and that then the pack trains, working in relays, should go forward over ground impossible for any form of wheeled transport.

The relay system of hill-climbing was shown after the animals had climbed very steep ascents individually, and had come down assisted by long ropes on the worst declivities, when four men acted as "brakes." Short ropes were used on lesser gradients, and also the simple expedient of a man hanging on to the mule's tail and digging his heels well into the ground at the worst places. When practising the relay system the whole column ascended and descended in "Column of Route," an impressive performance. The exercise ended with a demonstration of jumping obstacles, which is not so easy for the animals with a dead-weight load as when there is a rider in the saddle.

Training of Mechanics

A different aspect of Army Transport was seen in a finely equipped Motor Mechanics School, from which 60 post-mobilization students passed out. They were immediately replaced by another 60, for the school has always 300 men in training. They come from all Commands and from any unit, and attend for a course which lasts 10 weeks. When their training is ended they go back to their units, where their duty is to keep mechanical transport in running repair. The school is run by the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and the instructors are all Ordnance officers, with n.c.o.s and a few civilians as supervisors.

The first 11 days are spent at benchfitting, tinsmithing, and the making and reading of simple mechanical drawings. The students then pass to actual work on engines and chassis. Many of the engines and parts are sectioned so that students can see exactly what the assembly is.

Though 100 per cent. passes as Motor Mechanics Class III are not expected from these war-time students, who are cramming into 10 weeks as much as possible of the work normally done in 44 weeks, the degree of proficiency attained is very high. The men come from the Regular Army and the Territorial Army, and, in the latter category, represent all walks of life. A proportion have been garage mechanics, and these have a good groundwork of practical knowledge to build upon. This school is the first Army establishment to specialize in the training of unit mechanics.

New York Liners to Go To Italy Again

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

New York, Dec. 18.

The U.S. Maritime Commission has authorized operation of the liners Manhattan and Washington between New York, Naples and Genoa. On the westbound voyage the vessels will be allowed to put in at Monaco, but only for the purpose of picking up passengers. —Reuter.

Rice Situation Unchanged

Prices Same as Monday; Strikers Return to Work In Three Plants

As was the case on Monday, there were no rice riots yesterday. It was believed that additional quantities of Saigon rice had reached here while a shipment of 5,000 piculs from Kompo was also said to have arrived in Shanghai yesterday.

Meanwhile, strikers in three foreign factories, the Chinese Aluminium Rolling Mills Ltd. (250 workmen), the Ewo Brewery Co. (110 workmen) and the printing plant of Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. (140 workmen), had all returned by noon yesterday although negotiations between the workmen and the managements were still under way and no permanent agreement was said to have been reached up to last night.

The workmen in the aluminium rolling mill had been on strike for a week while the employees of the brewery had struck work six days ago. In both cases work was resumed yesterday morning on the distinct understanding that negotiations would continue. The 140 workmen of Messrs. Kelly & Walsh who walked out on Monday, returned to work at noon yesterday and in this instance as well, negotiations are still under way.

The workmen in all cases asked for rice allowances and well-informed quarters believed it quite unlikely that any political move was behind these interruptions of work.

Meanwhile, police parties were continuing to keep a keen watch in the vicinity of the various rice hongs so as to prevent any riots which may be contemplated. In this connection, it was believed that the energetic action taken by the police in previous disturbances, may have deterred ringleaders from causing further trouble.

No news was available yesterday about the promised shipments of rice from the interior regarding which assurances had been given by the Japanese authorities some time ago.

By far the largest quantity of rice at present in Shanghai is of the Saigon variety while stocks of Chinese rice, which is favoured by all classes of the population, are dwindling fast with no large shipments arriving here.

Signs of Normal

The Shanghai rice market showed signs of returning to normal yesterday when more buyers than in previous days were present, with the majority interested in Saigon rice, as the Chinese quality was neglected in view of its high price. First quality Saigon rice changed hands at $35.50 yesterday.

Meanwhile, the first meeting of directors of the Shanghai Foodstuffs Readjustment Association, a new organization formed by Chinese civic leaders to cope with the rice profiteering that is going on and to find ways and means to alleviate the shortage in this vital commodity, will take place at noon today in the premises of the Shanghai Bankers' Club, Hongkong Road. It was believed that during the meeting various plans for purchasing Saigon rice collectively by Chinese bodies, will be discussed.

Registration for the buying of foreign rice will start in the next few days, according to Chinese circles, and applications will be accepted by the Shanghai Chartered Accountants Association with premises in the Pootung Guild Building, Avenue Edward VII.

While final details have not yet been decided upon, it was believed in Chinese circles that anyone wishing to buy a bag of foreign rice containing one "zah", will have to pay $20 as a deposit at the time of handing in the application.

9 a.m. Dawn Plan All Year Round

Sunset After Midnight; Cardiff Man's New Plan For Daylight Saving

Mr. Norman Nash, a Cardiff motor engineer, has proposed to the Home Secretary a new daylight saving plan under which dawn is at 9 a.m. throughout the year, states the "Sunday Chronicle."

This, he says, would ensure the fullest use of the hours of daylight, both for work and recreation, and would make a big saving in artificial lighting.

The plan involves putting the clock forward in each of the first five months of the year, like this.

Jan. 1	50 minutes
Feb. 1	25 minutes
March 1	50 minutes
April 1	50 minutes
May 1	60 minutes

There would be no change in June and July. Then, in the last five months of the year, the clock would be put back, like this:—

Aug. 1	20 minutes
Sept. 1	40 minutes
Oct. 1	50 minutes
Nov. 1	50 minutes
Dec. 1	25 minutes

The effect in the middle of November would be that the sun would not set until about 6 p.m., instead of soon after 4 p.m.

On Shortest Day

Sunset on the shortest day would be about five o'clock instead of before 4 p.m. On the longest day, with dawn at 9 a.m., there would be no sunset—the sun would go down around 12.15 next morning.

The scheme had been recommended to the Home Office by the National Industrial Development Council of Wales. Mr. Nash said yesterday: "The idea occurred to me one beautiful summer morning.

"I was out of doors when dawn broke, and I thought of all Cardiff being asleep, and these hours of light being wasted." A Home Office official said yesterday: "We have had a great number of suggestions about daylight saving. Some of them are most valuable, and are being closely examined."

Room For 8,000 In Unused Tube

South London to Have Safe Bomb Shelter

South London is likely to have one of the largest and safest bomb-proof shelters in the country. It will shelter 8,000 people, and work on it will begin when the negotiations now pending are completed, states the "News Chronicle."

There will be no excavating. The shelter, forgotten through the years, is really already in existence and the job of conversion will occupy about three months.

Eighty feet below ground, running from King William Street to Elephant and Castle, is a half-mile of disused railway—the first deep level tube railway in the world. It was abandoned 48 years ago.

It was once part of the City and South London Railway and was opened by King Edward VII., then Prince of Wales.

If the scheme is carried through, it is proposed to make eight entrances to the tunnel, and to provide air-conditioning plant, first-aid posts and seating accommodation. The total cost would be about £40,000.

£5 per Head

This works out at about £5 per head, against the approximate cost of £10 a head for ordinary concrete shelters.

"We have not yet entered into negotiations," said an official at the Southwark Municipal Offices yesterday, "but we are contemplating doing so at once. We have seen the tunnel and there is no doubt it is likely to suit our purpose.

"The Home Office has more or less approved the idea, and we shall begin negotiations with London Transport."

It has been said that the shelter will be practically an underground town, with ramp entrances. The first would be built in Borough High Street.

After Mr. John Oxford, who plays the villain in the play "Young England" at the Holborn Empire, had been led off the stage wearing handcuffs, the key could not be found and he had to go home in the handcuffs. Before taking a taxi to his residence in Battersea, he had to get a friend to find enough money in his pocket to cover the fare. It was not until the situation had been explained to him that the taximan would take him home instead of to the nearest police station. Mr. Oxford managed to have his supper by using both hands and holding his cup like a wine goblet. He had to sleep with the handcuffs on but was freed the following day.

Japanese General in Indo-China

Hanoi, Dec. 19.

Maj.-General Ichiji Dobashi, former Chief of Staff of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to South China, arrived here from Hongkong today via Haiphong. He will make a six-day tour in this area. Maj.-General Dobashi was recently transferred to the Army General Staff in Tokyo.—Domei.

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Del Monte Asparagus	2½ tin	3.00
Del Monte Pears	2½ tin	2.50
Del Monte Salmon	1 tin	2.95
Campbell's Soup	1 tin	1.10
Libby's Corned Beef	tin	1.45
Crisco Lard	1 lb. tin	2.60
Bovril	4 oz. bot.	6.00
Tai Koo Sugar 10 lb.	bag	6.00
Kruchen Salt	bot.	4.75
		per bot.
Pommery Champagnes	Qt.	$30.00
Hennessy Brandy	Qt.	22.75
White Horse Whisky	Qt.	20.00
Royal Braemar Whisky	Qt.	8.30
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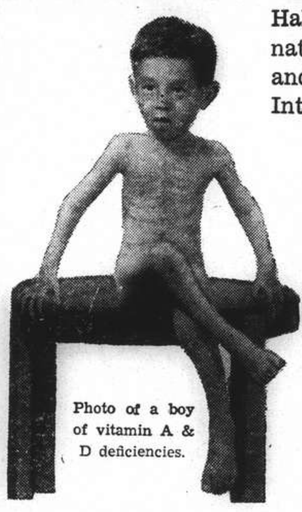

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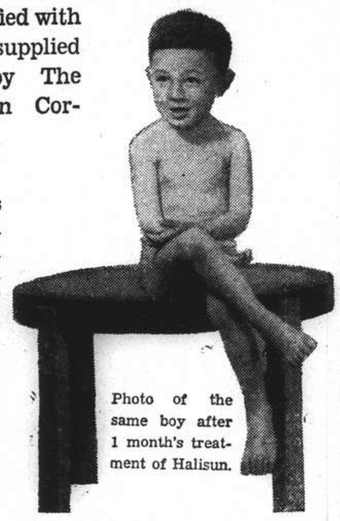

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Rubber Trust Annual Meeting

Report Highly Satisfactory, Profit of $508,518.96 Shown; Prospects Good

THE ninth annual general meeting of The Rubber Trust, Ltd., was held yesterday at 49 Szechuen Road. Mr. L. E. Canning chairman, presided, supported by Messrs H. Kadoorie, R. N. Swann and A. J. Welch, directors, and Mr. W. A. Welch representing Messrs J. A. Wattie & Co., Ltd., Secretaries and General Managers. Shares present and represented totalled 441,500.

The chairman in his speech said:—

The profit for the year amounts to the very satisfactory sum of Ch.$508,518.96 as compared with a profit for the previous year of Ch.$329,745.96. This result is especially gratifying when one takes into consideration the fact that the average exportable allowance during the period under review was just under 50 per cent. of the standard production assessment and the average net price realized for our product was approximately only 6½ pence per pound net. Furthermore, the average rate of exchange at which the Straits Dollars were converted into Chinese Dollars this year was 26 1/16 as compared with the present Exchange rate of about 16½.

Division of Profit

The manner in which this profit is divisible between the income from the rubber estates and the income from other sources is clearly shown in the Profit & Loss Account.

Prospects Good

From the foregoing remarks you will readily be able to calculate for yourselves that, should nothing unexpected happen to upset one's expectations, the present increase in the exportable quota, the higher price ruling for raw rubber and the lower rate of exchange prevailing for the Chinese Dollar, make the prospects for the coming year look very much more attractive than the results shown by the conditions that pertained during the period covered by the Accounts now before you.

The manner in which your directors recommend that the available balance in Profit & Loss Account shall be dealt with is set forth in their report.

If you will now turn to the working account for a moment, there are two items which perhaps require a little elaboration on my part and they are, on the credit side "sale of export rights St.$13,893.38" and on the debit side "purchase of export rights St.$26,247.78." Some of you may have wondered why your directors should sell rights with one hand and then buy them back with the other hand. This was not actually the case. What really happened was that Taiping Estate sold all its export rights to Bukit Sembilan Estate, which of course was in effect nothing but a book entry, and in addition Bukit Sembilan Estate bought rights to cover the balance of the amount of rubber produced by it in excess of its exportable quota.

Loans

The entries in the balance sheet are, I think, quite self explanatory. The item loans to local rubber companies represents advances, of a purely temporary nature, to various companies in order to tide them over for a short period between the date when certain payments had to be made by them and the time they would receive cash from the sale of produce.

Sundry creditors at Ch.$128,322.89 look large, when expressed in local currency, but in reality they represent no more than the normal outstandings at the end of any one month for accrued wages and unpaid accounts at the various Estates.

Investments on September 30 showed an appreciation of some Ch.$337,000.—over the book cost but the market value at present prices exceeded the book cost by over Ch.$520,000.-.

The expenditure under the heading of "buildings and furniture" represents the cost of certain essential articles of furniture for the new manager of New Amherst Estate.

The sum of Ch.$6,650.- was spent on the purchase of a second-hand crepeing battery, also for New Amherst Estate.

Stamp Fees, etc. for the transfer of the title deeds to New Amherst Estate cost Ch.$24,244.40 equivalent to St.$6,237.93.

The expenditure under the heading of development account covers the cost of the clearing and planting with rubber of 21¼ acres on Bukit Sembilan Estate, 4¼ acres on Taiping Estate and 81½ acres on New Amherst Estate.

As regards the Java Estate the only capital expenditure of any moment was Guilders 6,000.- spent on the new outlet road, and Guilders 4,185.- on new planting and the Upkeep of the Immature Rubber area.

The new outlet road will lead to very material economies in transport charges in the future.

Financially Sound

Financially, the company is in a very favourable position since, after allowing for the payment of the final dividend and sundry other small items, it will start the new year with a surplus of liquid assets over liabilities of Ch.$584,800.- without including the further increase in the value of investments that has taken place since the end of September.

Estate Matters

I will now turn to planting matters and deal with these of each estate in turn and will commence with New Amherst Estate which in the past has been stigmatized in certain quarters as a "derelict" estate. Far from being a derelict, however, this much maligned property earned the very respectable profit of Ch.$240,168.21, and this in a year of low prices and severely restricted output. Furthermore, since its acquisition by this company three years ago, it has earned a total profit of Ch.$430,992.82 which all goes to show the utter unreliability of such destructive and ignorant criticism.

Manager's Death

Before saying any more I must now refer to the very deep and sincere regret felt by your Board at the sudden and untimely death of the Manager of New Amherst Estate, Mr. S. V. Norris, which occurred on April 8, 1939. Mr. Norris was solely responsible for extricating this estate from the chaotic condition in which it had wallowed under the previous management and his successor will have a difficult time in living up to the high standard of efficiency set by him. I am sure that you will all join with me in expressing our keen sense of loss at his passing and our sincerest sympathy with his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

To revert to estate matters, 3 acres of rubber were replanted and 81½ acres of the new land, recently acquired, were planted with rubber during the year. These young areas suffered in their early days from attacks by bamboo rats and crickets and were also affected by abnormal leaf fall but they are now reported to have recovered fully and are making rapid and satisfactory progress.

As regards the mature area, an average area of 1383 acres was tapped throughout the year, the rate of yield per acre per annum being 399 pounds. The standard of tapping is reported to be very good and the rate of bark consumption and renewal normal. The reserves of bark are also ample. The estate was not tapped during the monsoon months, June, July and August.

The factory functioned satisfactorily during the year and the new crepeing battery enabled us to turn our lower grades into crepe, which was sold locally at satisfactory prices. The estate expenditure on revenue account was equivalent to 9.51 Straits cents (2.66 pence) per pound.

Labour

The supply of labour was ample throughout the year and there was never any question of ill feeling or strife amongst the Force even during the period of acute tension that prevailed over most of Burma during the early part of the year. The health of the labour force was reasonably good although there is a good deal of anæmia amongst the Burmese Coolies.

The rainfall was exceptionally heavy, 250 inches of rain falling during the twelve months as compared with 181 inches the previous year.

The whole estate is singularly free from root disease and only 9 trees were lost from this cause during the year. The abnormal rainfall caused a heavy loss of foliage which at one time was thought to be due to Oidium but fortunately, on examination, this proved not to be the case.

All buildings were given the necessary upkeep and are in a satisfactory condition with the exception of one coolie line which will probably have to be rebuilt during the book year 1940/1. The manager's bungalow also needs fairly extensive repairs to its roof.

Speaking generally the estate is in first class condition and does not call for any heavy expenditure in the near future.

Bukit Sembilan

We come next to Bukit Sembilan Estate which, as I have told you in the past, is our star property. The area under rubber remained unchanged during the year but in the current year a further 21 acres of jungle land, which has already been cleared, will be planted with rubber.

The average area in tapping throughout the year was 760 acres, which yielded at the rate of 874 pounds per acre per annum. The standard of tapping was excellent and the rates of bark consumption and renewal were satisfactory. The estate expenditure on revenue account was equivalent to 10.4 cents (2.91 pence) per pound. In this property we own an estate of outstanding producing capacity.

The supply of labour was ample for all requirements and the health of the force showed a steady improvement owing to the better ventilated and cleaner lines, the improved water supply and a better nourished population.

The gardens are reported to be free from lallang and other noxious growths and under a cover of leguminous plants. The average cost of Weeding was 15.63 cents per acre per month. Neither pests nor diseases gave any real trouble and such cases as were met with yielded readily to treatment.

All buildings and machinery were given the necessary upkeep and are reported to be in good serviceable condition. It will, however, be necessary to improve some of the accommodation for the coolies in the near future.

Taiping Estate

As regards Taiping estate an area of nearly 14 acres was replanted during the year. This estate was not in tapping, its export allowance being produced by Bukit Sembilan estate.

The supply of labour was sufficient for all requirements and the health of the coolies was, on the whole, satisfactory.

Weeding cost 45 cents per acre per month as compared with 35 cents last year and the estate is now reported to be free from lallang and other rough growths. Root disease continued to take its slow but steady toll of trees but apart from this neither pests nor diseases gave any trouble.

The factory and all other buildings were maintained in a satisfactory state of repair and will now last for several years to come.

The average expenditure on Revenue Account for the foregoing three Properties was 10.8 cents (3.03 pence) per pound.

Estates in Java

Lastly we come to Redjodadi and Tjibooloe Estates, the two properties in Java. The area in tapping throughout the year was 337 acres which yielded at the rate of 366 pounds per acre per annum.

There was a certain amount of stripey canker in evidence during the year due to the warm damp climate but after the proper treatment was applied this disease was completely mastered. Pink disease and root disease were also discovered in places and the proper remedies applied.

The chief trouble, however, was encountered from deer and wild cattle which caused considerable damage to the younger fields of rubber, and severely damaged trees have, however, been replaced. We are handicapped in dealing with those pests as shooting is forbidden by law and we are consequently compelled to rely on somewhat inefficient watchmen to keep these animals in check. The trouble is also being minimized by letting the natives clear and plant some of our spare land with rice thus removing the shelter for these wild animals.

During the year 66 acres of the abandoned area was entirely recleared and replanted and this area is now reported to be in very fine condition. The immature area of some 50 acres was thoroughly cleared of rough growths.

All buildings and machinery were given the necessary upkeep and the surroundings are reported to have a neat and clean appearance which is much appreciated by the coolies. No new buildings were erected or Machinery installed during the year.

Speaking generally these properties are being steadily and economically brought into a first class state of unkeep and it is hoped that we shall receive an increase in the Standard Production Allowance for 1940.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I would like to express our very cordial thanks to the respective managers and their staffs, to the agents in the Straits and Java and to the visiting agents for the very efficient manner in which they have looked after the affairs of the various estates during the year under review.

There being no questions the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

That the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended September 30, 1939, as presented, be adopted and passed.

Proposed by Mr. L. E. Canning and Seconded by Mr. R. N. Swann.

That a final dividend of fifteen Chinese standard dollar cents per share be paid.

Proposed by Mr. L. E. Canning and Seconded by Mr. R. N. Swann.

That the sum of Chinese Standard Dollars seven hundred and fifty be donated to the Central British War Fund.

Proposed by Mr. L. E. Canning and Seconded by Mr. R. N. Swann.

That the directors' fees revert to the original figure and be fixed at Ch.$ 1,400.—per annum for each director.

Proposed by Mr. D. E. Levy and Seconded by Mr. M. K. Dong.

That Mr. A. J. Welch be re-elected a director of the company.

Proposed by Mr. S. F. Wong and Seconded by Mr. L. Z. Chang.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be elected auditors of the company and that their Fee for auditing the accounts now before you be Ch.$ 559.44.

Proposed by Mr. W. A. Welch and Seconded by Mr. Woo Chi Ming.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Lady Clark Kerr's War Work Section

British women throughout the world are responding nobly to the call for bandages and comforts for the men of His Majesty's fighting forces. In Shanghai groups of British women have banded together and are doing splendid work for which they have received the grateful thanks of the authorities at home. Lady Clark Kerr, wife of the British Ambassador, (seen standing, on extreme right) has organized a group of Shanghai ladies, who devote much of their time to making and rolling bandages, knitting socks and other articles for the comfort of those who are fighting for their country today. The picture was taken yesterday at the Ambassador's home where the group is carrying on its good work.

OBITUARY

Mr. Heywood Broun

New York, Dec. 19.

Mr. Heywood Broun, veteran newspaperman and columnist, died here at 9.50 a.m. yesterday of pneumonia, at the age of 51.

Mr. Broun's wife, son, and brother were at his bedside. He was unconscious for 24 hours before his death. Mr. Broun received the last Catholic rites on Friday.

Mr. Broun was born at Brooklyn, New York, on December 7, 1888. He graduated from Harvard University in 1910 and started writing for the New York "Morning Telegraph," for which he had worked while a student at Harvard.

He was with the New York "Tribune" from 1912 until 1921 when he went to work for the old New York "World."

In 1917 Mr. Broun was sent to France with the American Expeditionary Forces as correspondent.

In later years he worked for the New York "World Telegram" and for the "New York Post" as columnist.

Mr. Broun was president of the Newspaper Guild. His column was printed in numerous newspapers throughout the United States and was widely read. He was also the author of several books.—United Press.

Y.W.C.A. International Branch Hold Party

"Cedarcrest" is Hostess To Carol-Singing Guests

A new departure marked the annual Christmas tea party of the International Branch of the Y.W.C.A. Heretofore it has taken place at Headquarters, 999 Bubbling Well Road, but this year the scene of action was "Cedarcrest," the pleasant hotel for girls at 66 Great Western Road. Tea was served to between 50 and 60 guests. The old American Christmas custom, "the hanging of the green," in which the assembled company joins in decorating room and table with the yuletide evergreens, was rather curtailed this year owing to the general difficulty of obtaining holly, laurels, etc., in sufficient quantities. However, enough was forthcoming to make things look cheery and pretty.

A feature of the party, without which it would not be itself, was the "Christmas Reading" by Mrs. L. C. Hylbert, chairman of the Y.W.C.A. International Branch. Mrs. Hylbert has taken this part in the Christmas festivities for so many years that it has now become quite an institution. Carols sung in chorus to a piano accompaniment also did much to awaken the spirit of Christmas in the guests.

Philippines Watch U.S.-Japan Tangle

Trade Treaty Abrogation Not Expected to Affect Manila Greatly

Manila, Dec. 19.

The Philippines will take no active part in negotiations between Japan and the United States unless "the diplomatic strategists should find going unexpectedly hard," the "Bulletin" said today.

The question of the effects of the American abrogation of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation with Japan on Philippine trade will "be raised officially to the smallest possible degree," the "Bulletin" said.

"In other words," the journal said, "as far as the Philippines are concerned, matters will be allowed to carry on until and unless there is reason to force the issue.

"This theory fits in with the general belief that the present stage is largely one of jockeying for position and that the diplomatic battle will not be fought on all fronts at once. At least not in the early stages."

Pointing out that the American policy does not involve the Philippines to the least degree in Far East affairs or general international chaos, the newspaper said, "present indications show this policy will be followed in connection with the trade treaty situation.

"In a general way that policy is calculated to meet the approval of the Philippines, although in any crisis the Philippines would expect to take as strong a stand in support of the American flag as is taken anywhere the flag flies.

"For that reason it is clear that the Philippines could come actively into the picture almost any time if the diplomatic strategists should find going unexpectedly hard.

"The American procedure in connection with the treaty's termination throws the responsibility more and more on Japan for indicating its purpose and establishing a policy mutually acceptable. This means that the developments, as to the Philippines, will be largely what they are made by Tokyo action....indicating that the programme here will not be determined until after there have been developments elsewhere."—United Press.

TYPISTS in the accounts department of the Scottish Milk Marketing Board in Glasgow have been forbidden to use nail varnish and a typewritten notice to this effect has been put up. All the girls who varnished their nails have decided to obey the instructions and remove the varnish. They were apparently rather surprised at the decision but decided not to make any protest. Mr. D. T. Stratton, a member of the Milk Board, however, described the ban as "a piece of nonsense," explaining that there was nothing in the board's regulatons to prevent typists from colouring their nail red, white or blue.

Martial Law Declared In Hankow

French Concession Closed In Search for Terrorists

Hankow, Dec. 19.

Japanese authorities at 4 a.m. this morning informed French consular officials that terrorists had taken up residence in the French Concession here.

Later, under Japanese direction, four houses were searched by French police and ten Chinese detained.

A report that pistols and bombs were found was denied by the police.

The Concession has been closed for the day, French and Japanese guards stopping all Chinese from going in or out, pending the result of negotiations now being carried on.

Martial law has been imposed throughout the Chinese city, but Japanese sentries are not interfering with foreigners.—Reuter.

Bean Curd Dealers Close Shops

Bean curd shops in the city were closed yesterday and will not sell their product until two days later, thus causing some more trouble to the poor who consider that bean curd is the cheapest food available for their daily meals. An announcement states that the suspension of business for three days was decided upon at a recent meeting held by bean curd merchants who wished to "readjust their prices in the face of the increased prices of raw materials." It is believed by Chinese circles that they will increase their prices.

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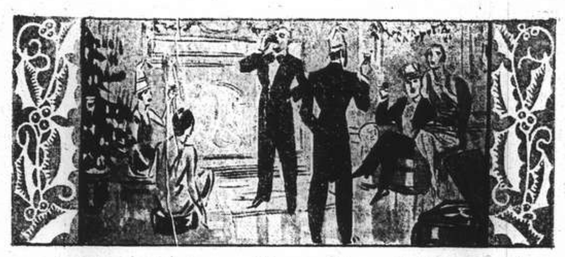

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Money & Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 1/16d.	$ 51.20
U.S. $100 @ 7 1/8	$1,306.81
Francs 343	$100
Yen 32 5/8	100
Guilders 14 1/4	100
Rupees 26	100
Pesos 15 3/8	100
Hongkong $31 1/8	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

$1 @ 4 3/16d.	$ 49.23
U.S. $100 @ 8 1/16	$1,240.31
London—demand, $1=	4 3/16d.
4 months' sight credits	5 1/16d.
4 months' sight docts	5 d.
6 months' sight credits	4 3/16d.
6 months' sight docts	5 1/16d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$81 3/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$81 1/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$81 1/4

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

£1=U.S.$3.95 U.S.$=£0.75d.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling	4 3/16d.	U.S.	$713/16
Hongkong/London			1/3

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei Wah $1039 ..... C.N.$1,000

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders	Buying 15 1/16
Java Guilders	" 15
Netherlands Guilders	Selling 14 3/4
Java Guilders	" 14 5/8

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying U.S.$100=$1,230.769	£1=$49.230
Selling U.S.$100=$1,290.323	£1=$50.860

Banque Belge Four L'Etranger

Belgas 0.46 1/2=$1 Belgas 23.50=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 1.54=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.34 3/4=$1
Tourist Lire 1.71 ..... $1

Hua Hsing Commercial Bank

Sterling	Selling Rate @	6d. per	H.H.$ 1
"	Buying " @	6 1/16 "	H.H.$ 1
U.S.	Selling " @	9 1/8 "	H.H.$100
"	Buying " @	10 1/4 "	H.H.$100

LOCAL DOLLAR (FAPI)

Selling Rate	@ 123	per H.H.$100
Buying "	@ 122	" H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest	Lowest
U.S. G.$	7 1/16	7 3/4
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash	SELLING	BUYING December
T.T.	4 3/4	4 m/s. l.c. 4 3/8
G.$ T.T.	7 3/4	4 m. s. l.c. 7 1/16
Fct. T.T.	346	4 m/s. 360
Rs. T.T.	26 3/8	15 d/s. 27

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	23 7/8	23 5/8
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34 3/4	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	62.12	—

Bombay offtake 200 bars.

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATE

New York closing rate of cash	3.95
Local sellers U.S.$ for cash	3.94 1/2
Local buyers U.S.$ for cash	3.95

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 1/16 sterling and 7 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4 1/16 sterling and 7 1/16 U.S.$ and with good sellers from outports and also some local sellers, there was a sharp rise and business was ultimately done at 4 3/16 sterling and 7 1/8 U.S.$. Later the market was easier and rates declined, closing quietly steady with sellers at:—

4 3/16	sterling	7 1/16	U.S.$ Cash
4 3/16	"	7 5/16	" Dec.
4 3/16	"	7 1/8	" Jan. 1940
4 1/16	"	7 1/16	" Feb. 1940

Yesterday's Rice Prices

Changshu, per shih (176 lb.)	$40.00
Sungkiang "	38.50
Saigon "	36.00

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: Closing Dec. 18.

Japan	80 1/8	London	1/5 11/32
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	29	" (sellers)	1/5 11/32
Hongkong	85 1/2	" (buyers)	1/6 1/32
		Japan	
		" (sellers)	81 7/8
		" (buyers)	80 7/8

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.00	Shanghai	4 7/16d
Paris	176.00	Bombay	1/6 11/16*
Berlin	——	Hongkong	1/3 5/8*
Amsterdam	7.52	Singapore	2/4 3/32*
Brussels	24.10	Yokohama	1/2 1/32
Madrid	38.50 *	" (buying)	1/2 1/4
Milan	77.00	Prague	——
Berne	17.80		

*—Unofficial Rates.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	88.375
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.19	Japan	23.49
Paris	2.23 7/8	Shanghai	7.80
Brussels	16.64	Hungary	17.60
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.45	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.82	Greece	0.73
Norway	22.73	Bulgaria	unq.
Denmark	19.33	Finland	1.95
London			3.95
" demand			3.94 1/4
" Bankers' 60 days bills			3.94 1/4
" Commercial 60 days bills			3.94 1/4
Buenos Aires Paper			Unq.
" " market rate			22.75
Montreal on London			4.46 1/8

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:	Dec. 18.	
Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/4%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 5/8%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2 3/4%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3 1/4%
Call Money		0 1/8%

New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/16%B 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 3/8%B 0 1/2%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Dec. 18.

The Bourse opened irregular today amid light trading. During the session, internationals led the way to a slight rise, some stocks gaining appreciably.—Havas.

Silver Quotations

London, Dec. 19.

Silver prices advanced in London today, with quotations being as follows:

	Dec. 18	Dec. 19
London, spot	23 7/16d.	23 1/2d.
" forward	23 1/8d.	23 11/16d.
" gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

In spite of better news in the industrial market and a small rise in rubber, the market throughout the day was lifeless, the probable explanation being the years end which is never an inducement for speculator or investor to take on new commitments.

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
227.17	105.32	General	208.63	+0.57
304.80	95.55	Rubbers	295.85	—3.87

Total 254,207 shares, 1,940 bonds.

Morning Session

China Realty 8%		Tael	Debs.	55500	87.00
10000	*87.00				
Telephone 6%		Tael	Debs.	18000	*94.00
I. I. Trust			1500	10.40	500 10.50
3000	10.40				
S'hai Loan			500	13.40	1500 13.50
2000	*13.70		2500	*13.60	1000 13.60
					500 9.10
Yangtsze Finance					
1000	*9.10		500	*9.15	1500 9.10
500	9.15		500	†9.05	1000 9.10
S'hai Land			1000	11.00	1500 11.10
500	11.20		500	*11.30	500 11.30
2500	11.50		500	11.40	1000 *11.50
5000	11.50		500	11.40	500 *11.40
500	*11.50		500	*11.40	500 11.50
500	11.40		500	*11.50	1000 11.40
500	*11.40		1000	11.30	1000 11.30
New Eng. (Ord)			100	20.00	200 19.90
200	20.00		1100	*20.00	400 19.90
600	19.90		100	*19.80	1100 19.90
100	*19.90		100	*19.80	300 *19.90
100	19.80				
Wheelock			100	74.00	200 74.50
200	74.00		200	*74.50	400 74.00
600	*74.00		100	73.50	
C. G. Omnibus					200 22.50
S'hai Gas					500 12.40
Telephone					1000 22.00
S. W. W. "A"		£20			30 220.00
Metal			200	19.30	600 18.40
100	*18.40		100	*18.50	1000 18.60
2000	18.70		500	*18.60	300 18.70
200	*18.80		500	*18.70	400 18.80
800	18.70		100	18.80	1400 18.70
100	*18.70		200	*18.60	100 *18.70
1300	18.60		1200	18.50	500 18.40
Lumber					1000 36.00
Exploration			500	9.10	500 9.15
1500	9.10		1500	*9.10	1300 *9.05
500	*9.10		500	9.10	
Power (Pref)					30 128.50
Ewo Mills (Ord)			1100	26.40	100 26.50
600	26.70		100	26.60	200 *26.70
500	26.60		100	*26.70	100 26.60
200	*26.70		1000	26.60	300 26.50
200	*26.60		100	*26.60	600 26.50
1100	26.40		300	26.30	200 26.20
1100	26.10		2700	26.00	200 *26.00
Anglo Dutch			200	*18.90	300 18.90
Anglo Java			600	38.50	400 38.25
Ayer Tawah					500 6.65
Batu Anah			1000	1.46	1000 1.40
Bute			2000	*8.60	1000 8.70
Cheng			1000	0.76	10000 *0.75
1000	0.76		8000	0.75	10000 0.74
Consolidated			1000	*7.50	1500 7.45
Java Consolidated					3000 5.00
2000	4.95		1000	*4.95	
Kota			2000	*5.35	2000 5.40
Kroewoeks			5000	3.15	2000 3.15
3000	*3.10		8000	3.10	2000 3.12 1/2
2000	3.10				
Langkat			100	27.75	600 27.50
200	*27.50				
Ropah					1000 1.26
Rubber Trust			500	*8.15	1000 8.15
2000	8.10				
Semambu					1000 *1.52
Senawang			2000	1.66	1000 *1.68
4000	1.66		2000	*1.65	
Kelantan			1000	0.77	5000 0.76
13000	0.75				
Pahang					1000 5.70
Sua Manggis					1000 2.35
Tanah Merah			1000	*3.40	1000 3.37 1/2
Tehong			1000	1.50	1000 *1.50
5000	1.52		7600	1.50	
Ziangbe			400	27.50	100 27.25
200	27.50				
Auto Palace					500 14.50

ODD LOTS

Power 5 1/2%			Debs.	500	*86.00
S'hai Dock				10	*214.00
S'hai Loan				200	13.60
S'hai Land				300	11.30
Sungala				62	7.75
S'hai Band		100	11.30	200	11.40
300	11.30	300	11.20		
S'hai Malay (Pref)				10	30.00
S'hai Loan				100	13.40

*—Direct Business.
†—Cash.

Afternoon Session

China Realty 8%		Tael	Debs.	26000	87.00
20000	*87.00		4000	86.75	
Asia Realty 6%		Tael	Debs.	50000	*75.00
Telephone 6%		Tael	Debs.	5000	94.00
Power 5 1/2%			Debs.	5000	86.25
I. I. Trust				500	10.40
S'hai Loan				1000	13.50
Yangtsze Finance			500	9.10	500 *9.10
S'hai Land					2500 11.30
New Eng. (Ord)			1500	19.80	100 19.90
100	*19.90		1200	19.80	
S. & H. Wharf					25* †265.00
Wheelock					100 74.00
C. G. Omnibus					300 22.50
S'hai Gas					100 12.40
Telephone					500 22.00
S. W. W. "A"		£20			30 ‡220.00
Metal			1400	18.40	100 *18.40
300	*118.20		100	18.40	
Exploration			1000	*9.00	500 9.05
500	*9.00		1000	9.00	1000 *9.05
Power (Pref)					10 128.50
Ewo Mills (Ord)			100	26.20	200 26.10
Anglo Java					1300 38.50
Batu Anam					2000 1.40
Cheng					1000 0.74
Consolidated					500 7.35
Java Consolidated					1000 ‡4.90
1000	4.90				
Kota					1000 *‡5.30
Kroewoek			1000	3.10	3000 *3.12 1/2
Langkat					200 27.50
Padang					2000 2.80
Permata					3000 1.50
Repah					3000 1.26
Senawang					1000 1.68
Kelantan			1000	0.75	2000 *0.75
1000	0.74				
Seremban					1000 2.90
Sungala					500 8.00
Tanah Merah			1000	3.35	3000 3.32 1/2
1000	*3.32 1/2				
Tebong					1000 1.50
Ziangbe					100 27.25
Auto Palace					700 14.25
Semambu					1000 1.54

ODD LOTS

S'hai Loan	200	13.70	
Exploration	400	*8.95	
S'hai Land	100	11.20	
S. W. W. Fittings	90	1.50	
Kota	500	*5.35	

*—Direct Business.
†—Outport Business.
‡—Cash.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Dec. 19.	Big Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.175		.18	S
Antamok	.15		.16	S
Baguio Gold	.15		.15	
Batong Buhay	.012	S	.013	S
Big Wedge	.21		.215	S
Coco Grove	.17	S	.17	S
Consolidated Mines	.0025		.0025	
Demonstration	.105	S	.105	S
East Mindanao	.11		.11	S
I. X. L.	.40	S	.40	S
Ipo Gold	.14	S	.14	S
Itogon	.27	S	.27	S
Mambulao Consolidated	.016		.017	S
Masbate Consolidated	.105	S	.105	S
Mine Operations	.10	S	.10	S
North Camarines	.155		.16	S
Paracale Gumaus	.185		.19	
San Mauricio	.80		.81	
Surigao Consolidated	.155		.16	
Suyoc	.14	S	.14	S
Syndicate Investment	.019		.020	S
United Paracale	.315		.32	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.085		.9875	S

Turnover for the Morning: 68.100 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Morning Session) 76.82
S—Sales.—Reuter.

U.S. Steel Mill Operations

New York, Dec. 18.

Steel mill activity in the United States for the week commencing December 18, was placed at 90.0 per cent. of capacity, according to the weekly report of the American Iron and Steel Institute, which was issued today.

This represents a decrease of 1.2 per cent. from the previous week, but an increase of 38.3 per cent. compared with the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 18.

Trading on the New York Exchange today was quiet, with the turnover for the day amounting to 720,000 shares. But for the late rally, influenced by the strength of commodities, the session would have lacked any special feature.

Metal issues were bolstered somewhat by the boost of metal prices in London.

While price changes were very narrow, owing to the cautiousness of traders, continued good business news remained a helpful factor.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	149.80	148.69	149.22	—0.14
20 Rails	31.80	31.43	31.53	—0.25
15 Utilit.	24.99	24.79	24.86	Unc.
40 Bonds	——	——	89.26	+0.97
11 Commod.	——	——	64.67	+0.97

Dec. 16	18		Dec. 16	18
Adams Exp	8 1/2	Jones & L	68	*66
Alg Lud Stl	22 1/2	Kennecott	38	38 1/2
Alld Stores	9 1/2	Lak F & M	3 1/2	*4
Allis Chal	40 1/2	Libbey O F	50	50
Alumin Ld	*95 1/2	Lockheed	31	30 1/2
Amer Can	113	112 1/4	Loews	33 1/2	32
Am Cyan B	33 1/2	33	Mack Trks	28 1/2	28 1/2
Am For Pr	2	2	Martin G	40	39 1/2
„ $7 pfd.	25 1/2	24 1/2	McK & R	*16 1/2	*16 1/2
Am G & E	38	38 1/2	Monsanto	106 1/2	106 1/4
Am Loco	*22 1/2	22 1/2	Mont Ward	54 1/2	54 1/2
Am Metal	23	24	Nat Avian	13 1/2	*12 1/2
Am Radtr	9 1/2	9 1/2	Nat City B	*29 1/2	*28 1/2
Am R Mill	16 1/2	16 3/8	Nat Dairy	15 1/2	16
Am Smtg	52 1/2	52 1/2	Nat Distrs	23 1/2	23 1/2
Am Sug R	20 1/2	21 1/2	Nat Gyp	11 1/2	11
Am T & T	168 1/2	168 1/2	Nat P & L	8 1/2	8 1/2
Am Tob B	83 1/2	84	Nat Lead	20 1/2	20 1/2
Am Wtrwks	11	11 1/2	Nat Steel	70 1/2	70 3/8
Anaconda	31	31 1/8	Nat Supply	8 1/2	8 1/2
Atchison	24 1/2	24	N Y Cent	18 1/8	18 1/4
Auburn	2 1/2	2 1/2	Niag Hud	6 1/2	6
Bald Loco	17 1/2	17 1/8	N A Avian	26	25 1/2
B & Ohio	5 1/2	5 1/8	N Am Co	22	21 1/2
Barber	14 1/2	14 1/2	N Pacific	9	8 1/2
Barns Oil	12 1/2	12	O I Glass	*62	62
Bendix	30	29 1/2	Pac G & E	33	33
Beth Steel	83 1/2	83	Pac Lghtg	*47 1/2	*47 1/2
Bliss	15	14 1/2	Packard	3 1/2	3 1/2
Boeing	22 1/2	22 1/2	Paramount	7 1/2	7 1/2
Borg Warn	24 1/2	24 1/8	Penn RR	22 1/2	22 1/8
Briggs	22 1/8	21 1/2	Phelps D	41 1/8	41 1/2
Bkn-M Tr	14 1/2	14 1/8	P & R Coal	*0 1/8	*0 1/8
„ $6 pfd.	49 1/2	49	Phil Pet	39	38 1/2
Budd Mfg	5 1/2	5 1/4	Pitts C & I	*8 1/8	*8 1/8
Can Pac	4 1/2	4 1/4	P S of NJ	*40 1/2	40 1/4
Case JI	72 1/2	72 1/4	Pullman	33	32 1/2
Celanese	28 1/2	28 1/2	Pure Oil	8	7 1/8
Chase N B	*36 1/2	*36	Radio	5 1/2	5 1/2
Ches & O	40 1/2	40	Reading	*16 1/2	16
Chrysler	89 1/2	89 1/4	„ 1st pfd	25 1/2	*25 1/2
Clim Mlyb	39 1/2	40	R. Arms	*5	*4 1/2
Colts	*82	82 1/2	Rep Avian	5 1/8	5 1/8
Col G & E	6 1/2	6 1/8	Rep Steel	23 1/2	23 1/8
„ 6% pfd	85	85	Rev C & E	14 1/2	*14 1/4
Com Cred	44 1/2	44 1/2	Rey Tob B	37 1/8	37 1/4
Com & Sth	1 1/2	1 1/2	Richfield	8	7 1/2
Cons Edis	29 1/2	30 1/4	Safeway	47	47 1/4
Cons Oil	7 1/2	7	Schenley	11 1/8	11 1/8
Cont Can	42	42	Sears Roeb	82 1/2	82
Cont Oil	23 1/2	23 1/2	Shell U Oil	12 1/2	12 1/4
Copwld St	17	17	Soc-Vac	12	11 1/2
Corn Prod	63	63	Sthrn Pac	14 1/2	14 1/2
Curtis Wr	10 1/8	10 1/2	Sthrn Ry	34 1/2	33 1/2
„ A	28 1/8	28 1/2	Spencer	45 1/2	45 1/2
Deere & Co	23 1/2	23 1/2	Spicer	*32	31 1/2
Dist Cpn S	16 1/2	16 1/2	Std Brands	5 1/2	5 1/8
Douglas	81 1/2	79 1/2	Std G & E	2 1/2	2 1/8
Du Pont	179 1/2	179 1/2	Std Oil C	24 1/2	24 1/2
Eag P Lead	11 1/8	11 1/8	Std Oil NJ	43 1/4	43 1/4
Eaton Mfg	29 1/2	29 1/4	Stone & W	11 1/2	11 1/4
Elc A Lite	37 1/2	37 1/2	Studebaker	9	8 1/2
Elec B & S	7 1/2	7 1/4	Swife Int	31 1/2	30 1/2
„ $5 pfd	57	*57 1/2	Technicor	14	14 1/4
„ $6 pfd	66 1/2	67	Tex Cpn	43 1/4	43 1/4
E P & Lt	30 1/2	30 1/8	Tex Gulf	32 1/8	32 1/4
Flintkote	20 1/8	20 1/2	Transamer	6	6
Gen Am Tr	*54 1/2	55	Tw Cent F	12	12
Gen Elec	40 1/4	39 1/4	T C F pfd	22 1/2	23
Gen Motor	54	53 1/2	Un Carbide	87	86 1/2
Gen Rly Sig	18 1/2	18 1/2	Un Pacific	*96	97
Gen T & R	22 1/2	*22 1/4	Un Aircraft	45 1/2	45 1/2
Glidden	17 1/2	17 1/2	Un Air L	15 1/2	15
Goodrich	19 1/2	19 1/4	Un Corpn	2 1/2	2 1/2
„ $5 pfd	65 1/2	163	Un C pfd	38	37 1/2
Goodyear	23 1/2	23 1/8	Un Gas	1 1/8	1 1/8
Gt N I Ore	17 1/2	17 1/2	Un G Imp	14 1/2	14 1/4
Gt N Rly	23	27 1/2	US Ind Al	*21 1/4	*21
Gt W Sugar	29 1/2	29	US Rubber	41 1/8	40 1/8
Greyhound	16 1/2	16 1/2	„ 8% pfd	110	110
Herc Pow	90 1/2	89 1/2	US Steel	67 1/2	67 1/8
Homestake	60 1/2	60	Vanadium	34	34
Int Harv	62 1/2	62 1/8	Walworth	*6 1/2	5 1/2
Int Nickel	36 1/2	36 1/2	War Br Pic	3 1/8	3 1/8
Int T & T	4 1/2	4 1/2	West Elec	114 1/2	114 1/2
Johns Man	75	75 1/2	Woodward	*23 1/2	*23 1/2

BONDS

Amer. & For.	61 1/2	61 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio	*26	26 1/2
Brazil 8% 1941	16 7/8	17
Brazil 6 1/2% 1957	14	14
Cities Serv.	89 1/4	90 1/4
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	15 1/4	15
Int. Tel. & Tel.	43 3/8	43 1/8
New England Gas & Elec.	*68	69
Republic of Colombia	34 1/4	33 3/4
Republic of Colombia	34	33 1/2
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	47	47 3/8
Stand. Gas & Elec.	67	*86 1/2

*—Bid †—Ex Div. ‡—Corrected.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

The strength of commodities, including wheat touching a new two-year high, induced a mild late rally on the Stock Exchange today, bringing an irregular close following an earlier decline. Traders were cautious, while news was featureless excepting for the decline of 1.2 to 90 per cent. of capacity in steel operations, which was anticipated.

By Courtesy of S. E. Levy & Co.

It is believed that year-end disbursements are in fundamental relationship of stock returns to bond yields, and the improved technical position warrants the traditional rise in mid-December through to early January.

Foreign liquidation has been nil, being offset by buying from the Far East and European countries where no restrictions on investment buying persist, while tax-loss selling is under normal.

Chrysler is reflecting a big output; Douglas Aircraft may get a new French order; and, Westinghouse ruled strong on the best monthly net profit over two years. Should a few others like these get going, traders are bound to take heart.

Commodity futures at the highest levels of 1939 anticipate a protracted war, removing the threat of inventory losses and should be watched to see if they stimulate forward buying.

Sensitive paperboard and textile industries are picking up again.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 18.

Cotton futures in the Liverpool market again advanced the maximum limits today, while rubber futures held steady.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 11 15/16 +1/8; sellers 12 +1/16; Jan. del. buyers 11 7/8 unc; sellers 12 +1/16.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: Jan. 8.45 +25; Mar. 8.50 +25; May 8.52 +25; July 8.48 +25; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract: Jan. 10.22 +50; Mar. 10.34 +50; May 10.43 +50; July 10.43 +50.

London Metals: Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £259 —1/4; 3 mths. del. sellers £256 1/2 —1; Antimony, China, Regulus, c.i.f. per ton £76 to £80 nominal, unch. Tin, Straits, per ton, £284 nominal, unch.

New York Metals: Antimony, Chinese, in car load lots (25 tons), f.o.b. New York, duty paid, 16 1/2 cts. per lb. unch. Tin, Straits, c.i.f. New York (25 tons lots) 50 1/4 cts. per lb., unch. Copper, Electrolytic, first hand per lb. 12 1/2 cts. unch.—Reuter.

Rubber Companies Forward Sales

Messrs. George McBain advise that the undermentioned companies have sold forward approximately one-third of the exportable quota for January/February/March 1940 at 38 1/2 Straits cents per lb.

Mij. tot etc. in Langkat.
Shanghai-Sumatra Rubber Estates, Ltd.

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 18.

Trading on the London Stock Exchange today was quiet and featureless, with Chinese bonds mostly ruling unchanged. While Japanese issues slightly eased.

British gilt-edged securities declined slightly, on balance.—Reuter.

	Dec. 15	18
War Loan 3 1/2% (Red.)	£92 7/8	92 1/4

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	48	48
Japan 6% Stg. Loan 1924	55	54 1/2
	Osaka, Dec. 19.	
Kogo 5%		Y.105.40

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Irinfounders	15/-	14/9
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	39/-	38/6
Austin Motors, ord.	17/9	17/9
Bristol Aeroplane	14/7 1/2	14/4 1/2
British American Tob.	91/4 1/2	91/10 1/2
Cable & W., new form	57 1/2	57
Cammell Laird, ord.	6/4 1/2	6/4 1/2
Courtaulds	37/1 1/2	37/-
Distillers	65/3	66/3
Dunlop Rubber	30/3	30/-
General Elec. (Eng.)	75/3	74/10 1/2
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	76/4 1/2	77/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	16/-	15/7 1/2
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/4 1/2	29/3
Imp. Tobacco	118/9	119/4 1/2
Leyland Motors	81/9	87/6
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	52/-	52/3
Pressed Steel, com.	14/1 1/2	14/1 1/2
Rolls-Royce	93/9	93/9
Smethwick Drop Forgings	13/6	13/6
Tate & Lyle	56/3	57/-
Turner & Newall	67/6	65/7 1/2
United Steel	21/-	20/10 1/2
Vickers, ord.	16/4 1/2	16/4 1/2
Woolworths	62/-	62/3

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	27/3	27/4 1/2
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	34/3	34/1 1/2

MINES

Burma Corp.	11/9	12/-
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invests.	14/6	14/6
Randfontein Ests.	38/11 1/2	38/11 1/2
Sub-Nigel	200/6	200/6
Tanami Gold Min.	3d	3d
Western Holdings	10/6	10/6

OILS

Anglo Iranian	53/9	53/9
Burmah	61/3	61/3
Mexican Eagle	6/7 1/2	6/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	81/3	81/3

*— Ex dividend.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898	£55	55
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	47	47
4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan	45	45
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	25	25
5% Reorg. Loan 1913	33	33
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	12	12
5% Honan Rly., 1905	15	15
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	17	17
5% „ „ (Ger. Is.)	16	16
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	18	18
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	14	14
5% „ „ G.	14	14
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	14	14
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	14	14
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	17	17
S'hai Elec. Construction	13/-	13/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	12	12
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	23	23
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	8 1/4	8 1/4
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	82 1/2	82
„ (Col. Reg.)	84 1/2	84 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India	11 5/8	11 5/8
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/-	17/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	22/6

TRAVEL AND SHIPPING

N.Y.K. LINE

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*KAMAKURA MARU .. Jan. 23
*from Kobe
ASAMA MARU ..... Feb. 17

Orient-Seattle Line
via Vancouver
From Kobe
HIE MARU ..... Dec. 26
HEIAN MARU ..... Jan. 20

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via Los Angeles and Panama
SADO MARU ..... Jan. 5
SAKITO MARU .... Jan. 30

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KITANO MARU ..... Jan. 22
KAMO MARU ..... Feb. 19

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KAISYO MARU .... Dec. 21

Orient-South America Line
via San Francisco
from Yokohama
YASUKUNI MARU .. Jan. 4

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Kobe and Yokohama
HAKOZAKI MARU .. Dec. 30

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No person will be allowed to board the tender or the vessel unless in possession of a pass issued by the Lloyd Triestino

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ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Dec. 18	Dec. 20 at 9 a.m.
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ss. HOTEN MARU	Dec. 24	Dec. 26 at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Dec. 27	Dec. 29 at 9 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Dec. 30	Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.
ss. HOTEN MAIU	Jan. 1	Jan. 4 at 9 a.m.

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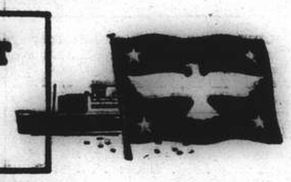

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PRES. TAFT	Jan. 29	PRES. TAFT	Mar. 25
PRES. CLEVELAND	Feb. 12	PRES. CLEVELAND	Apr. 8

TO HONGKONG AND MANILA:

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Arrival	Departure
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SHANGHAI MARU Dec. 26	Dec. 27 at 9 a.m.
NAGASAKI MARU Dec. 28	Dec. 29 at 9 a.m.

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For Calcutta
ARGUN MARU ..... Jan. 12
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Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening

From GENOA: Conte Biancamano, with Mail, due 5 p.m. Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf. Passengers due Customs Jetty 7 p.m.

From KOBE: Taiyo Maru, with Mail, due 4 p.m. Wayside Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From LISBON		From SINGAPORE	
Torrens	8/12 20/1	Boissevain	16/12 23/12
From TRIESTE		Cortelazzo	6/12 24/12
Cortellazzo	28/10 24/12	**From SOERABAYA**	
Fusijama	21/11 10/1	Tjitjalengka	8/12 25/12
C. Verde	21/12 17/1	**From HONGKONG**	
From KARACHI		See "China Ports" below.	
Fusijama	16/12 10/1		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK		From SAN FRANCISCO	
Vigrid	10/16 25/12	P. Coolidge	17/12 2/1
M. Maersk	10/11 26/12	**From NAGASAKI**	
L. Maersk	25/11 10/1	Shanghai M.	20/12 21/12
A. Maersk	9/12 24/1	**From KEELUNG**	
From LOS ANGELES		Hukuken M.	23/12 25/12
M. Maersk	1/12 26/12		
P. Coolidge	11/12 2/1		
L. Maersk	16/12 10/1		

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN	
Boissevain	15/11 23/12
Tegelberg	15/12 22/1

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		From HONGKONG	
Dairen M.	19/12 21/12	Tjitjalengka	20/12 25/12

Vessels Leaving

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Vessels Sailing

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL		For NEW YORK	
Hakone Maru	28/12	G. Maersk	1/1
Kasima Maru	5/1	Nagara Maru	8/1
For GENOA		H. Maersk	15/1
C. B'camano	22/12	**For San FRANCISCO**	
C. Verde	21/1	P. Cleveland	20/12
For OSLO		P. Pierce	1/1
Tai Ping	22/12	P. Coolidge	16/1
For CAPETOWN		P. Taft	29/1
Boissevain	25/12	**For YOKOHAMA**	
For BOMBAY		Hakozaki Maru	30/12
Kaisyo Maru	20/12	**For KOBE**	
For CALCUTTA		Taiyo Maru	23/12
Delagoa Maru	23/12	Taiyo Maru	2/1
For JAVA		**For NAGASAKI**	
Tjibadak	21/12	Shanghai Maru	22/12
Tjitjalengka	28/12	Nagasaki Maru	24/12
For MANILA		Shanghai Maru	27/1
P. Coolidge	3/1	**For DAIREN**	
		Tsingtao Maru	20/12
		Dairen Maru	23/12
		Hoten Maru	26/12
		Tsingtao Maru	29/12

Vessels Leaving (cont.)

AMERICA

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Vessels Discharging

BENLEDI. From LONDON.—Cargo ex this vessel arrived from Hongkong per "Antilochus" on December 16, and has been discharged at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Free storage period expires on December 25, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Inward Agents. 21-12

MARON. From Liverpool arrived on Dec. 18, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on Dec. 27, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Thursday, December 21, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 21-12

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Tsingtao		10.30	11.00
Nantung		14.30	15.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		19.30	20.00
Hongkong		19.30	20.00
Tsingtao Chefoo and Tientsin		19.30	20.00
THURSDAY, December 21.			
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai		*20.00	8.00
Ninghsien Yungkia etc. via Chinhai		3.30	9.00
Amoy Hongkong and Java Ports	A	8.30	9.00
Foochow and Swatow via Amoy		8.30	9.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	X	9.30	10.00
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Hongkong and Haiphong		19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, December 22.			
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. Ceylon India Suez and Europe via Suez	C	9.00	11.00
Hongkong and Canton		10.30	11.00
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North Pinghan and Lunghai (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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Per steamer via Suez, Dec. 25, due L'don Jan. 27.
Per steamer Pacific, Dec. 31, due London Jan. 31.

Weather, Time and Tide

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1939 (10th day of 11th moon)	SICCAWEI			
	Dec. 18 16.00	21.00	Dec. 19 4.00	9.00
Barometer inches	30.51	30.55	30.46	30.50
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.09	+0.05	—0.05	—0.07
at 32 F. (,, 12 hrs.)	0.00	—0.02	—0.05	—0.05
Wind (direction)	N/W	N.W.	NW	NNW
,, (miles per hour)	12.4	3.7	6.8	3.1
Temperature (Fahr.)	44.2°	36.6°	31.6°	39.2°
Humidity %	48	77	92	75
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	0	0	1	2
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 18	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.54	+0.09	30.31
Temp. Min. 34.°5 Max. 50.°7	42.°6	—4.°2	41.°6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	47.8	—	44.09

Time and Tide	20/12	21/12	22/12	23/12	24/12
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.49	6.49
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.55	16.55	16.56	16.56	16.56
Moon rises'at Shanghai	12.50	13.05	13.42	14.24	15.12
Moon sets at Shanghai	0.32	1.25	2.20	3.17	4.15
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	17.38	6.27	7.17	7.58	8.40
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	10.48	12.09	13.10	13.54	14.22
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	6.55	8.35	9.25	10.00	10.45
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P. Cleveland	Hongkong	A.P.L.
Anwoo	T'senkong	Dong Shing
Kiriha M.	Japan	M.B.K.
Kawa M.	Keelung	M.S.K.
Haikong	Hsinkong	G.M.C.
Whakou	Hsinkong	Kiang An
D. de Lagree	Cruise	—
Yungan	Hankow	M.M.
Bonho	Hsinkong	Dong Shing
Liesel	T'lungkong	Chin Dah
Nantung M.	Nantung	T.K.K.
Tachibana M.	River Ports	T.K.K.
Talisman	Hongkong	Dodwell
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Romolo	Liuho Point	V. Chieri

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Chingming M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Romolo	Ital.	V. Chieri
Nagasaki M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tyosa M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Etizen M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
J'ne Justesen	Dan.	K.M.A.
H. Kiangnan	Ger.	Foo Hwa

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	C.N.C.B. 1/2
Piegon 6	Am.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
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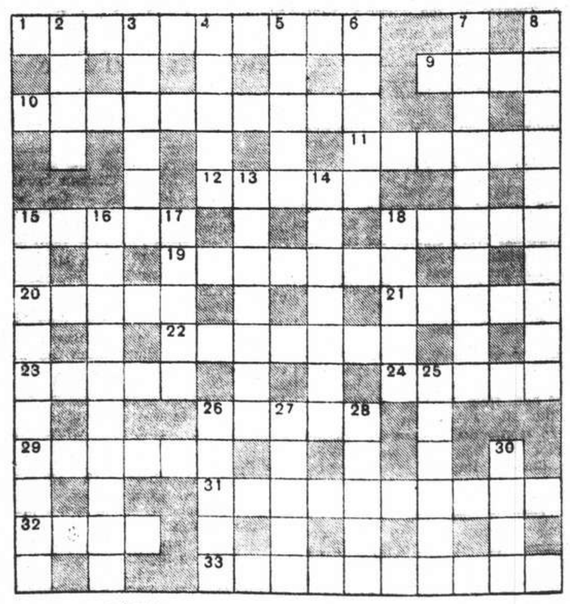

ACROSS

1 Where man-eating sharks live (two words)
9 By no means a dull circle
10 A secret society (three words)
11 Beheading this vessel shows one way
12 Give tongue for choice of directions
15 One direction inside out
18 Her make up is great
19 This your rival to come in first
20 Not this nowadays does one find a family this
21 A great Finnish runner
22 He can make a poem err
23 Hurt a clock may be
24 Bird
26 It is recognized now in part
29 To have this is to be in a hopeless state (two words)
31 Penniless motorists can't get over it
22 A musical work
23 If reduced to eating this it might be appropriate to serve it on a charger (two words)

DOWN

2 No unpleasant start in grammar
3 Silent change is patriotic advice
4 Seen in barrow, axe, nails, etc.
5 He indulges in much the same thing as slating
6 It is foolish to shoot at the enemy out of this
7 If a friend has died this person might also be this without the third or fourth letter
8 He may have come from Utah, in the United States
13 A product of the soap nut
14 Bird
15 The intending purchaser would be well advised to look into it (two words)
16 What the other fellow's war propaganda is, of course!
17 Sharpened on the stone
18 Style perhaps of painting
23 Very pleasant—quite a change from Ealing!
26 A vessel
27 He works under the engineer
28 A fine old coin
30 A long time

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—**ACROSS:** 1 Straightforward; 9 Ingrained; 10 Macon; 11 Kelpies; 12 Lineage; 13 Tee; 14 Nunnery; 17 Sleight; 19 Planked; 22 Moselle; 24 Eva; 25 Against; 26 Located; 28 Tease; 29 Accordion; 30 Red, white and blue. **DOWN:** 1 Sticking plaster; 2 Regal; 3 Imagine; 4 Honesty; 5 Fiddles; 6 Romance; 7 Archangel; 8 Dance attendance; 15 Nyasaland; 16 Roe; 18 Leo; 20 Kenneth; 21 Detract; 22 Malacca; 23 Secured; 27 Twill.

In the Russian Colony

By "Shot"

A recent editorial in a local foreign newspaper was received with pained surprise by the Russian colony and gave rise to lively discussion. The author of the article attempts to prove that no difference exists between the old and the present Russia, that both Tsarist and Communist Russia "were always a danger to European countries." Russo-Germanic imperialism, it stated, is no recent development in world history. The author says that Prussia—and later Germany—often formed unions with Russia, and together they waged wars of conquest, their victories ending with a division of the vanquished and the disappearance of whole nations. It is recalled that after winning three victories over the Russian Army in the course of seven years, Frederic the Great again made friends with Catherine for the division of Poland. The article points out that in 1814 the Russian Emperor entered Paris together with the King of Prussia.

It compares the "Holy Alliance" then concluded between Russia and Prussia with the present pact between Stalin and Hitler. Dealing with the fate of Constantinople, it states that Prussia supported Russia while Austria took the side of the Allies who wanted to save the Turkish Empire. "The Restoration of Poland again effected Russo-Germanic understanding." Two imperialistic countries again united in order to continue their conquests. The history of Europe is the history of defence against German greed and Russian barbarity. Hitler and Stalin have not invented anything new, asserts the bold author.

Author's Prejudice

Unfortunately, neither has the author. Disconnected facts torn from the past have always been able to prove almost anything. Not only Russia, but the present Allies, England and France, have in the past quarrelled and fought bitterly, then united, then quarrelled bitterly again. Every great power can berate any other great power on anything it wishes, if it wants to dig into the past. Unfortunately the author of the article failed to say anything on how historical Russia always remained true to her word, and how heroically and with what sacrifice Russia, together with England and France, fought for three years against Germany. The author's prejudice is revealed by his assertion that Russia betrayed the allies in 1918. Fortunately, Marshal Foch, Marshal Joffre, Marshal Petain and other great Frenchmen have different opinions; and their memoirs and the memoirs of other official statesmen often say that with the advance of General Samsonoff's army at Tannenberg, Russia in 1914 saved the Allies. Yes, at Brest-Litovsk the bolsheviks signed a separatist peace with the Germans and thus, in betraying Russia, betrayed also her allies. But without the fight which was kept up by Russia over more than three years, the Allies could not have won their final victory.

Want Own Theatre

"The Russian Colony must have its own large theatre"—thus spoke Mr. A. G. Chibunovsky, Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Russian Club, in an interview with the Russian press. Shanghai, Mr. Chibunovsky continued, does not have many cultural diversions, and the local Russian intelligentsia has great difficulty in satisfying its cultural needs. The heroic attempts of Russian actors themselves to stage plays or operas often end in fiascos for the simple reason that they do not have enough funds at their disposal. A vicious circle, he said, is being formed around the Russian theatre at present, for to make a successful play it must make a large outlay of money. In order to cover costs it must raise the price of tickets, which makes it impossible for the majority of Russians, who earn small salaries, to see the play.

To reduce ticket prices, however, would mean to reduce the outlay on productions and thus impair its artistic value. And Russian intelligentsia has always deemed a theatre quite as indispensable as a school or a hospital. The only way out of the contretemps, said Mr. Chibunovsky, would be to form a Russian Theatre at the Russian Club. The building for this theatre is already erected. The Club would not propose to run the theatre as a purely profitable institution. The theatre would not boast lavish settings, but would have everything guaranteeing an artistic production.

The success of the opera "Madame Butterfly," already staged at the Russian Club, and the fact that it drew many foreigners as well as Russians to its packed performances, would seem to prove that the new Russian Theatre has every chance for success. In performing its main duty of giving good productions on a minimum outlay, it would serve as the cultural centre for the whole colony.

Sinologue Arrives

Mr. I. S. Skurlatov, the well-known sinologue and authority on Japan and the whole of the Far East, has arrived here from Harbin. A graduate of the St. Petersburg University, where he attended lectures on Oriental Studies, Mr. Skurlatoff was sent by the Russian Imperial Geographical Society to Manchuria, and there became a pioneer in the study of the Chinese language. He conducted courses on the Chinese language at the Chinese Eastern Railway, and later taught Chinese in the Commercial School and in a Chinese University. Mr. Skurlatoff is also a teacher of the Japanese language. He is the author of a thesis on "Notes on the Theory of Conversational Chinese," which earned praise from the Peiping University, the Riga University and the Lemberg University.

Musicians in Demand

With the approach of Christmas the demand on Russian musicians has increased considerably. In their unique outdoor "pavement club" at the corner of Avenue Joffre and Route des Soeurs where they meet every day from 11 o'clock in the morning to 1 o'clock in the afternoon, one can hear continual proposals like the following: "Who wants a hundred dollars for five men to play during New Year's night?" "No, I have an offer of $150 for six men." The musicians are hired by clubs, hotels, even private residences So great is the demand that there is not a sufficient number of unemployed to meet it, and musicians who have long since retired are dragged out of their "archives" to play during the holiday season. Many contrive to combine their regular jobs with extra earnings during the Christmas and New Year, and thus improve their budgets. Their only complaint is that this state of affairs has resulted in a shortage of second-hand musical instruments. To buy new musical instruments of American manufacture is now quite impossible because of the exchange, as the cheapest instrument costs about one thousand, five hundred local dollars. Some American instruments cost as much as U.S.$300 to U.S.$600—an astronomical figure when translated into Shanghai currency. Even a drum costs $1,000. One of the most difficult insturments to buy is a piano, and to hire one is next to impossible.

The Charitable Home has celebrated the first anniversary of its founding. This institution gives lodging to Russian indigents, and in this way has saved dozens from frozen death in the streets during the winter. Mrs. V. S. Tsepkin is the Chairman of the Home, Baroness P. F. Guene is the Honorary Treasurer, while supervisory work is done by Mr. L. N. Goroshkevitch. Many representatives of the colony and friends of the institution were present at the celebrations, in the course of which tea was served.

Mrs. Elizabeth N. Litvinova, of Hankow who, after the commencement of hostilities, moved to Shanghai and spent the summer in Tsingtao, is at present in this city. Mrs. Litvinova is also known as a patron of the Church; it was through her help that the Bishops' House was built in Shanghai, and she helped in the construction of many other Russian churches in China.

Mr. Geo. I. Chertkoff, businessman and former Chairman of the Emigrants' Committee in Tokyo, is also in Shanghai. Mr. Chertkoff has long been a resident of Japan, and has mastered the Japanese language. He is at present on his way to Hongkong and Singapore, having been sent there on business by a British firm which he represents.

Series of Lectures

The Emigrants' Committee is preparing a series of lectures in which some of the best speakers in the colony are to participate. The first lecture will be held in the Sokol Club on December 20, on "The Geological Beginnings of the Prehistoric Era." It will be delivered by Mr. M. S. Buturlin. The next lecture is to be devoted to the creative work of the famous Russian composer, A. P. Borodin. Prof. S. S. Aksakov will be the speaker, and his talk will be followed by selections from the composer's works. The third lecture will be ready by Col. P. P. Sapojnikoff, and will deal with the "Development of Military Technique in the last 25 Years."

Mr. V. Tretchikoff, a young and talented Russian artist, has arrived here from Singapore. Last Wednesday the Club "Khlam" held an evening in his honour, when a number of speeches were given. One of Mr. Tretchikoff's drawings was given a prize at the New York World Fair. An advertising poster of his was awarded first prize at a competition judged in London.

Choir-Master I. V. Butkov has left for Kobe, where he has been invited to lead a choir in the local Russian Church. In spite of the fact that the Russian colony in Kobe is not very large it has two Russian churches. Mr. Butkov started his career in Manchuria in 1918, where he attracted attention as an authority on Russian church singing.

Saints Day

On December 19, the St. Nicholas Church celebrated the Day of its Patron Saint. On the eve of the day vespers were held, while on the day itself a liturgy service was conducted by Bishop Juvenalius and Bishop John. The church was crowded. The choir was conducted by Choir Master I. A. Kolchin, who is shortly leaving for California. December 19, too, was the Day of the Patron Saint of the Russian Regiment, S.V.C. It was also the Angel's Day of the Late Emperor Nicholas II, when a long list of new titles and orders for the military and civilians was published.

Former Cathedral Boy Saved Off Graf Spee

Was Proceeding to G.B. When Steamer was Sunk

Mr. Archard Dixon, 21 year-old former Cathedral School boy and son of Mr. C. D. Dixon, Tientsin branch manager of Mackenzie & Co., was among the British prisoners on board the Admiral Graf Spee and is now in Montevideo, according to a cable received by Mr. F. W. Poate, Managing Director of Mackenzie & Co., yesterday morning.

Mr. Archard Dixon left Shanghai some years ago, together with his twin brother Mr. Martin Dixon. Both were in New Zealand when the war broke out and while Martin is serving in the New Zealand land forces, Archard decided to leave for England to join up. He was working his way home as a cabin-boy when the steamer on which he was travelling was sunk by the German pocket-battleship. Together with all the other members of the crew, he was made a prisoner and had it not been for the British naval attack on the German warship, he would probably have remained a prisoner of war for the duration.

Another Dixon brother, Mr. Herbert Dixon who left Shanghai three years ago to join the Royal Air Force, is now a Flying-Officer "somewhere in England."

The cable received from Archard, who still has many friends here, does not reveal when he is proceeding to England but it was presumed by those who know him that somehow he would find ways and means to reach Great Britain with a view to offering his services.

Mr. Chamberlain Feted In Paris

Paris, Dec. 18.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who came to France to visit the war fronts, was guest of honour tonight at a brillant dinner reception given by Mr. Edouard Daladier in the Foreign Ministry.

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